### Rise in public borrowing accepted by Cabinet

Cabinet accepted yesterday that public nor borrowing would rise next year and that reases in indirect taxation might be inevitable, mesenting a relaxation in the Treasury's metary policy. Spending cuts will be discussed detail at an extra Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, new cuts being sought may total £2,000m.

### lax increases on way in battle over cuts

e Cabinet meeting for s and a half hours yesterday ng on economic policy, accepted that public porrowing is going to to rise next year, and that uses in taxation may now is unavoidable as further in departmental spending. inisters last night were at s to insist that no agreem were reached in detail. big battle on public spendsets is being set for an extra net meeting next Tuesday, and aps at meetings continuing late November

sterday's meeting was desmore amicable than some eet members had expected, sobering. The Prime Minispoke only at the end of one meeting, and she struck of those present as, in mord, chastened.

cuts in departmental ding such as education and ice did not come up in I yesterday, as had been la some ministerial But ministers are r no illusions that by this next week they will sharp dilemmas over new cuts they can, with

nations yesterday, some and incomes policy

der Opposition pressure to it. Bits Margaret Thatcher trably gave little away at ion time in the Commons the noted in a way saide the little same way regret she did in some way regret being able to emulate Mr i Healey, who as Chan-c had once cut public-ling by £5,000m in a single

#### ing of Treasury's netary stance-

binet ministers were say-they had to observe. Tran-vows last night, and no confirmation was available the total of new spending being sought approaches

at would be simply to ke higher spending tred next year on a whole of items, principally idies to nationalized industrial and so hold to the prened cut in overall public ding next year of £1.500m, unced as part of the rument's—medium-term icial strategy.

The Cabinet has now agreed tat as its objective; as Mrs cher asserted to Mr. it scems clear that she the Treasury reams have the war on the matter of her cuts.

her cuts.

There the "wets", as they a been derided by the tcherites, may have won a le, perhaps a significant is in the acceptance that I year's public sector boring requirement: (PSBR) for of \$7.500m must now be seed to use: It almost had to so, given the recession, the so, given the recession, the of revenues, and the in-

But accepting that it must stance. By how much, is a question still to be decided by stance. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer; that according to some ministers, could determine the final total of the curs, could affect the decision when to lower interest rates. and finally could decide whether or not new sources of razation must be sought.

That would be a significant reversal of policy by the Gov-erument. For some time now the idea has been treated as either cut spending or raise

But last night the "opthink-able" as it was called was on many more tips; it seems likely that people cather than com-panies would be the target, with taxes on spending rather than income tax increases. Again, the issue remains to be agreed

The Cabinet's preoccupation with preserving capital expendi-ture while cutting current spending was hinted at by Mrs Thatcher in one answer on the Commons. It is not always easy to do she said metally to a Conservative backbeacher.

### though there was no talk of Liberal call for prices

Geoffrey Riogen, the former Conservative minister, who placed in the Commons record his fear that moneylending was becoming the only profitable business in Britain, she retorted that she was "every bit as anxious as he to get interest

anxious as he to get interest rates down.

She grain insisted that the key to that was reducing the amount of berrowing in the economy. It is a solicy goal she will have further difficulty explaining as the PSBR rises. To Labour questioners who

To Labour questioners who wanted to know the Government's calculations of further increases in unemployment, a topic which had some ministers shuddering. Mrs Thatcher could only reread her lesson. It was that jobs would only be provided when inflation was beaten and British industry again became competitive.

bearen and Bruss industry
again betame competitive.

A policy change was imperative in the national interest,
Air Peter Shore, the outsider,
in the Labour leadership contest, said. The Cabiners
dilemma was he said in a
speech that they also "know
that they are prisoners of their speech, that they also know that they are prisoners of their own self-imposed monetary targets and that if they were now to abandon their monetarist doctrines the Government's credibility would totally collapse.

M. Denid Steel Liberal Party

collapse."

Mr David Steel, Liberal Party leader, repeated his call for a fair and sustainable prices and

fair and sustainable prices and incomes policy.

In a speech in Lordon he said: For all its protestations to the contrary the government has been forced back onto the use of an incomes policy by stealth—by seeking to hold down public sector pay." It would prove a cobbled together expedient, he said.

### Frustrated shoppers ask why there is no meat or fruit and why tomatoes cost £3 a lb The food cupboards in Russian homes are running low

admission last week that the countryside was not feeding its

caties properly went to the heart of complaints that have been heard with ominous frequency over the past year.

Russians have long been used shortages, to erratic suc-es, and to having to queuc, since the final end of food ming at the beginning of Khrushchev period they taken it for granted there

always been scarce especially in winter, but with tomatoes now fetching more than 13 a

steady improvement in food people have begun to complain supplies, just as they now expect a steady improvement in consumer goods.

This has not happened Mossicov, traditionally better supplied than the provinces, has experienced shortages that were unimaginable only a few years ago. Potatoes, cabbages, carrots and even teat all basic fo the Russian diet, have been hard to find this summer.

Fresh fruit and yegefables have always been scarce especially greens, no sour cream, no meat, no luxuries such as caviar, salted fish and choice salami which people maintain could always be found even in the harsh days of Stalin's rule. Only timed produce, much of it imported from Eastern Europe is available for the frustrated shoppers.

A holiday to most Russians

most Russians means eating and drinking well,

the shortages provoked uppre-cedeated grumbling. Even the

vodka ran out. The question on everyone's lips is: Why? Why cannot the Soviet Union, a vast country with good farming land, provide the assortment of food that was at least available, if not affordable, in the old days? There is no single answer. The main reason is the flight from the countryside, mismanagement and inefficiency

more people, especially young men, leave the village, the labour force becomes predomi-

Attempts to improve effi-ciency by large-scale mechani-zation have been thwarted by poor servicing and repairs of agricultural machinery and a critical shortage of technically qualified men willing to stay on the land.

The general inertia of the conomy means that money poured into the countryside has produced little return, and Continued on page 6, col 5

### Farewell to the Fawlty Towers of British Rail

From Michael Horsnell Paris, Oct 30

The Orient Express may have had its murders but even Hercule Poiret might be moved to a tear tomorrow when the lest of the great British trains, the Night Ferry from Victoria station to Paris, comes to the end of the line at the Gare du Nord after 44 years.

Nord after 44 years.

Complete with the faded livery of the very wagons lits which in 1936 carried the first passengers across the Channel without disturbing their dreams, the Night Ferny through train is to go the way of the Golden Arrow, the Brighton Belle and the Orient Express itself, to the great station in the sky.

It was the train which gentle-

It was the train which gentle-men caught with other gentlemen's wives from platform one at Victoria on route for Barle and Berlin, which they reached in time for luncheon the foilowing day.

It was the train on which that great traveller Adolf Hirler is said to have decided to make a triumphant entry into a defeated Eritziu.

For the use of the electing car in his day a supplement of £1 12s 6d was charged for first class passengers.

Yesterday I paid £132.82 for a last nostalgie first-class single berth ceturn journey on heard the train which has been losing British Rail 528,000 a year.

So I hung my toller beg from the velvet-padded hook from which gentlemen used to suspend their watch-chains and poked the bell-push to order a half-bottle of Bollinger. The bell did not work. Neither did the order. The sleeping car

attendant, bailed from the other end of the corridor, errived with a can of warm lager. "It's either that or Cole,

sir", he told me.
"The menu?"

"There's no buffet cor, sir."
"A British Rail soudwich?"
"You'll get one on the boar,

In the morning I shaved in lukewarm water because the coal-fired boiler was not working properly and finished standing in a pool of water because the plumbing is not what it used individual plant meetings or in proportion to the members they Mr Colin Neill, the sleening

car attendant, confessed: "We do our best but these old cars are a bit like Fawlty Towers, Mr Grenville Hawley, the national official of the Transport and General Workers' Union who will chair the meeting, said: "No decision has yet unreliable. Of course the service should be saved. But everything needs replacing. From now or everything's plastic. You'll never see its like again in

Understandably British Rail is planning no farewell party for its last luxury express which once included among its clien-teic the Queen, the Duke of Windsor, Sir Winston Churchill, and Harold Macmillan.

From its inception the Night Ferry was staffed by the Compagnie des Wagons Lits. In 1977, with operational costs rising frighteningly, responsibility for the train's maintenance and operation was assurant. ance and operation was assumed by British Rail an dthe Societé Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français (SNCF).

As Mr John Heath, the driver, prepared to take the train out of Victoria on its last journe; he told me: "I don't like to ike at Longbridge (where a feet of me: "I don't like to be Metro, Mini and Allegro is made) and Cowley (Maxi, I and Princess), the biggest buts in the group employing re than 26,000 manual Continued on page 15, col 3



Prince Philip arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, yesterday from Morocco A farewell message of particular warmth from the Queen to

From Our Own Correspondent

to the independent trace

ment facing them ".

The statement said that Mr

Mr. Michael Foot would be the predominant choice of con-

stituency Labour parties if they had a vote in the leader-ship election. That is the main

conclusion to emerge from

survey of constituencies with sitting Exbour MPs undertaken

-said the tour had been unusually interesting (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

Polish leaders win Soviet support

and pledge of more economic aid

in Moscow this morning for Solidarity's demands that the to know how much help they urgent talks with President acknowledgment of the Com- can expect if any, from the Brezhnev over the political and manist Party's leading role Russians, so that when they economic crisis in their country, should be struck out of its negotiate with the new unions returned to Warsaw in the statutes.

possibilities of Polish industry for increasing the output of engineering, light industry, food, and other branches of the

The emphasis on this subject,

More than half those con-

stituency parties that said they would vote for Mr Foot em-

only as a caretaker leader and

indicated that they would vote for Mr. Wedgwood Benn in a leadership election after the establishment of an electoral

The phrase not, only signals, and the law references to the that the Russians have no in independent unions, suggest tention of intervening but also that the Poles visit was as Internal alliance plans, page (

Mr Foot is local parties' predominant

choice as leader, 'Times' poll finds

processing industry

A communique published by Prime Minister, Mr Andrei Tass soom after Mr. Stanislaw Kania, the Polish party leader, and Mr. Konstantia Rusakov, and Mr. Jozef Pinkowski, the Prime Minister, left, suggested for relations with ruling Comthe ralks with Mr. Brezhnev and key Soviez Polishuro members want well.

It spoke of an atmosphere of cordining and an "identity of views", and appeared intentionally to deffare speculation that the Russians had summoned the Poles to warn them against any further concessions to the independent trade of the regimeering. Light industry,

Brezhnev had expressed his This means that the Poles country's conviction that the had asked the Russians for help Polish. Communists could in boosting their sluggish light resolve the acute problem of industry, consumer goods, and political and economic develop-

If there were mishaps giving rise to reports that the Queen had been upser, they were only ones of timing, having been "shubbed" during her, it appears. King Hassan, taking per-

suggests that they believe War-saw is able to handle on its own the Kremlin's. It means that Mr the new political crisis over Kania and his colleagues want

Joining Mr Brezhnes at the they will be able to make on

per cent would vote for Mr
Foot. Mr Denis Healey would the vast majority of local receive the support of 27 per Labour parties disagree with cent, with both Mr Peter Shore and Mr John Silkin trailing with 2 per cent each.

The survey also found that the vast majority of local the vast major

phasized that they saw him . filling it in after a vote.

Union were "permeated by the spirit of good neighbourliness, comradely solidarity, commu-

nity of goals and aspirations".

Both sides were determined to

The Russians have never hid-

den their antipetby to the

independent unions and their dismay at the Polish party's

concessions, Bur Moscow may bave decided to let the crisis

ride itself out, and to support

concessions, with perhaps the understanding that these will

be circumscribed when things calm down in the future.

Aeroflot office explosion: An explosion and fire damaged part of the Warsaw offices of the Soviet Aeroflot airline early

the suggestion put forward by the left-wing Labour Coordinat-ing Committee that they should insist on their MP bringing his

or her ballot paper to an emer-gency meeting of the general

management committee and

Only nine parties out of 221 polled said that they favoured dictating their MP's vote.

Survey details, map and secret

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Aitken, MP
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David Robinson reviews Grown Ups and other new films in London: Patrick I. Smith reports from New York on Beverly Sills's farewell; Irving Wardie on Housel and Gretel at The Other Place; Joan Bakewell on BEC 1's Strangerups
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strengthen their "indissoluble

fraternai ties".

Snub dismissed: The Queen and three-day visit Buckingham Palace sonal charge of the arrangements, guests. Delays in the programme, and there were several, were described by Buckingham Palace as not important and no cause for

was fastidious in looking after his

### closer relations with the Mahgreb countries. Leading article, page 13 BL workforce split on call for strike

As the Queen's message put it: "We

have been especially touched by the

programme." The tour is seen as

important to Britain in establishing

vote in line with the result of

freen made on the voting proce-dure to be adopted. It will have

to be discussed with national officials of all the interested

Correspondent

British Leyland car workers yesterday voted narrowly to take strike action over the company's pay offer. A meeting of shop stewards on Monday will now decide whether To call an all-out stoppage.

BL Cars pointed out that

plants had voted in favour of a strike. But a union leader emphasized that the largest factories — including Long-bridge, where the Metro is made—had rejected BL's offer of a 6.8 per cent increase.

Meetings of workers vester-day voted by 35,300 to 31,000 to take strike action. The final decision will have to await the outcome of Monday's meeting of 300 senior shop stewards from all plants. They will decide whether there is sufficient shopfloor sup-

port to call an all-out strike. The system of voting adopted on Monday will be crucial. A free vote will almost certainly lead to a strike. Only four days ago the same stewards voted unanimously to recommend strike action but to await the result of yesterday's voting.
It was suggested last night

unions to reach an acceptable formula." BL statement said: Clearly this is a split vote in anvone's language. Less than half the plants which have voted want industrial action (15 to 19) and, when this represents over 30.000 people, it is clear that a large proportion of our workforce do not wish to risk job security or the future of

he company.

"We now await the outcome of the union meeting in Coven-try on Monday morning to see if the unions feel they have any mandate for strike action." Overwhelming support for a strike at Longbridge (where the Metro, Mini and Allegro are made) and Cowley (Maxi, Iral and Princess), the biggest plante in the group employing plants in the group employing more than 26,000 manual

### that shop stewards should now Ports halt

on Monday

expected

By David Felton Labour Reporter

Britain's ports are expected to be at a standstill on Monday because of the decision by the National Union of Seamen (NUS) to call a one-day strike in protest at Cunard's move to switch two cruise liners to foreign flags.

All 29 ships in the Cunard fleet have been "blacked" by

the union and several are already stranded in British

All ships with British crews All staps with British crews will be confined to port. Cross-Channel ferries are unlikely to run and Irish ferries will also be affected. Support has been promised by the Transport and General Workers' Union and is being countries. General Workers' Union and is being sought from the International Transport Workers' Federation, which could halt ferries across the North Seateven if they are foreign.

Mr James Slater, general secretary of the NUS, said last night that the strike was the first shot in a campaign against companies flying flags of convenience, which he described as a "maritime mafia".

a "maritime mafia".

Three days of talks between Mr Slater and Lord Matthews, chairman of Cunard, produced a compromise formula but that

was rejected unanimously by

Bakewell on BBC 1's Strangeways
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Geoffrey Smith on the powerful advantage
of being in office; Richard Owen on the
secrets of Palmyra
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Football: Football League and Scottish
League Cup draws; Boxing: Srikumay Sen
previews Watt's world tille defence;
Rugby Union: Martin will equal a Welsh
record against the All Blacks: Cricket;
Alan Gibson and Cricketers in the West
country morning.

The union was demanding that Cunard drops its plans to transfer the Cunard Counters and the Cunard Princess to the Country
Ensiness News, pages 15-21
Stock Markets: Equities very quiet but generally firm, in solve of bad news from BL, with few sellers about. The FT Index closed 0.4 points down at 492.5 Bahaman flac to cut labour costs. The Princess has been transferred and is cruising the Caribbean with a crew comprised mainly of Swiss, French and Chinese. Lord Matthews has said that

he is prepared to sell the entire Cunard fleet, including the Queen Elizabeth 2 if the disputo is not resolved.

Mr Slater said be symnathized

with Cunard's difficulties.

Average pay for seamen on some lines was about £22 n week and that for a British seaman £130.



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### lemand power brought ito operation

Home Office says that already to remand prisoners are not being ugin to court under the section of Government's emergency Act to dwift the crists in the prisons. Mrin Brittan, Minister of State at the me Office, called the section, which intended to ease the load on police Iding remand prisoners the most itroversal in the Act. Page 2

#### adgers face death

Agers with tuberculosis pose an teormous risk of cross-infecting from beings. That warning came from A Zuckernam, president of the ological Society in Landon. He commanded killing the diseased in all with cranide gas, and Porton wa has been assed to develop better ahods of dissemination.

#### tate pensions report

le independent inquire into inflation-nofed public-sector pensions expects report near month, some days after 4 15.5 per cent award due to 3.7 lilion state employees. Page 5

### face hormones ban

The use of hormones in the rearing of livestock, may be quilawed from fanuary 1. The European Commission has proposed the ban in response to the joutry over, alleged health hazards when hormones are used to fatten animals.

#### Kagan trial opens

The prosecution told Leeds Crown Court that Lady Kagan was involved in a scheme to amass modey in a Swiss bank account as a "tax-free nest egg." Lady Kagan and others have pleaded not guilty to coaspiring to defraud the Inland Revenue Page 3

Injured PC dismissed PC Stephen Hicking, aged 20, who lost. part of his arm in a homb explosion at Cathard police station; London, has lost his job in the Metropolitan Police after a medical examination. Page 3

### Apartheid changes

Dr Piet Koornhof, the South African Minister of Cooperation and Development, introduced three draft laws designed to eliminate unnecessary and heriful discrimination, and to rationalize chieck influx control into mine areas.

### Livestock farmers — Zambia Chief Justice to try 'coup plotters'

collège.

President Kaunda of Zambia recalled his Chief Justice from London to preside at the trials of alleged plotters of a coup d'état. He claimed that the alleged ringleaders, mainly Zairean dissidents, wanted to overthrow President Mobutt of Zaire. They hoped a new Zambian government would help them, Dr Kaunda said. Page 6

#### Hostages delay

The Iranian debate on the American bostages has been delayed until Sunday because deputies opposed to a quick solution boycotted a key parliamentary session, depriving it of a disorum. Anti-American feelings were said to be run-ning high: Page 7 Times ! fear ; Mr. Michael Foot said

the calibre of The Times and The Sunday Times went out of existence 2 Classified advertisements: Appointments, page 22; Car buyers' suide, 22; Personal, 23, 24; Property, 16

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### Government implementing most controversial section of its emergency powers on jails

Home Affairs Correspondent

Action is being taken to im-plement what Mr Leon Brittan, inister of State at the Home Office, has called the most controversial section in the Government's emergency Act to deal with the crisis in prisons. It the need to produce remand prisoners in court.

The section is intended to Feduce the load on police hold-ing remand prisoners. Without lice would be obliged automatically to produce almost all remand prisoners in court at least once every eight days. Prisoners have had to be sent to places that are often at a distance from the courts that remanded them.

Mr Brittan told Parliament that under the arrangements in section 2, the defendant would not appear in court for a reHome Office said last night that some prisoners were not being police working under a prison Mr William Whitelaw, Home

Secretary, has said that the intention is not to halt the ordinary process of judicial review. Courts will still be obliged to examine the case of anyone remanded in custody in the usual way, and it will remain open to them, he said, to tequire that particular prisoners

be brought before them. The first 17 prisoners arrived at the new Frankland prison near Durham late yesterday afternoon. At Rolleston Camp, on Salisbury Plain, a team of sappers has moved in to prepare it for possible use as a detention centre.

A second army camp, at Eorden, West Sussex, near Petersfield, is under consideration as the next temporary prison. In Northern Ireland, a temporary prison is being set up near Magilligan, co London-

At Frankland, military police and army officers will take over prison officers' duties. The Army said: The soldiers who make up the Royal Military Police will have direct contact with the prisoners, working under the prison governor. The other soldiers are on purely administrative duties. They will have no contact as such with the

The question now is whether Mr Whitelaw will order police cells to be emptied of people held in them because of the held in them because of the prison officers' action.

Ulster remand: In Northern Ireland, only one prisoner has been affected by the new emergency order resulting from the action of 2,400 prison officers supporting their colleagues in Britain (our Belfast Correspon-

### MP dispels anxiety about prison

From Our Correspondent

Mr Mark Hughes, Labour MP for Durham, yesterday approved security arrangements for the new Frankland prison, Durham, before the arrival of its first 17 prisoners. He said that misgivings on the part of local people, because the prison had been commissioned a year earlier than in-tended were groundless.

"All security facilities have been completed," he said, "ex-cept the electronic control of the main door, which will ensure that it cannot be opened then the inner gate is open. That is being attended to."

The prison has been opened to take prisoners who are being held in police cells because of industrial action by prison officers. The second intake of 80 (the first came from Cleve-land) will arrive from other parts of the North today.

Mr Hughes said he was very impressed by the speed and effectiveness with which the 1st Battalion. The Gordon Highlanders, had completed preparations and also by the general standard of design and facilities. "These are much higher

standard of design and facilities. "These are much higher than in many prisons."

Mr Gary Dadds, the governor, showed Mr Hughes the innerfence and the 17ft high outer wall of reinforced concrete surgenties by a national state. mounted by a anti-escape over hang. The corridor between the fence and wall is patrolled by the RAF with dogs.

Mr Hughes had been conrned about security because the prison is near a residential estate. "I find that these people have less to fear than hose who live near the existing

a charge being preferred, he no further action would be was kept overnight at the Royal taken, noting that neither of

### First choice seems clear but switch to Mr Benn next year likely

SCOTLAND

### Mr Foot well ahead in constituency party poll

By Ian Bradley Over the past seven days. The Times has spoken to the chairman or secretaries of 221 of the 268 constituency Labour parties in Britain which have, sitting Labour MPs to obtain their views on the Labour

leadership election.
In 90 of those parties, either the general management committees have not yet met or the party officers were unwilling to comment on the election. Among the remaining 131

who have held polls or other-wise gauged their members' views, 78, or 59.5 per cent, said that they would support Mr Michael Foot if they had a vote in the present election; 35 (26.7 per cent) would support Mr Denis Healey, and two (1.5 per cent) would support Mr Peter Shore and two Mr John

A further seven parties said that their support was equally divided between Mr Foot and divided between Mr Foot and Mr Healey, three between Mr Foot and Mr Silkin and one between Mr Silkin and one between Mr Shore and Mr Healey. Two parties said that members were equally divided in their support of all four candidates.

There are significant regional

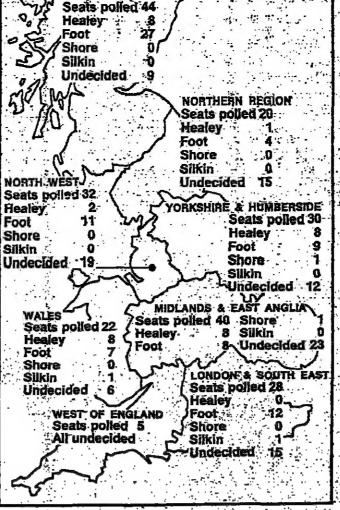
of all four candidates.

There are significant regional variations in the level of support for each candidate. While Mr Foot and Mr Healey have equal support in the Midlands and East Anglia and in Yorkshire and Humberside, Mr Foot scores much better among constituence marties in Scotconstituency parties in Scot-land the North west and in London and the South east where Mr Healey finds no where Mr Healey finds no supporters at all among the 28 parties polled by The Times.

Mr Healey is shead of Mr Foot in Wales, where the latter has his Ebbw Vale constituency. Wales also provides Mr Silkin with his only vote outside his only vote outside his only vote outside his only vote outside his own constituency of Lewisham,

Llanelli constituency party said it would probably vote for him "because he has local family connexions". Mr Shore has the support of Hull Central and Walsall North. His own constituency of Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, did not express a view.
Although Mr Foot clearly

commands the support of most local parties polled, he would not necessarily be the first choice of the constituencies in an election held next year



More than half of those con stituency parties which said that they would vote for him in the present election made it clear that they wanted him to be a caretaker leader and most indicated that their vote would switch to Mr Wedgwood Benn when he stands under the new

Several constituency parties have taken two polls, one on the present leadership candi-dates and one on those of their choice. The Haringey, Hornsey party, for example, voted in its first poll 33 for Mr Foot, three for Mr Healey, two for Mr Sil-kin and one for Mr Shore, and on their second, 21 for Mr Benn, 12 for Mr Foot, and one each for Mr Silkin, Mr Shore, Mr Ian Mikardo and Mr Neil Kin-

nock.

The survey also shows that constructory parties often differ significantly in their favoured candidate from their MPs. The 44 Labour MPs in Scotlend have indicated that in the first ballot 17 votes to Mr Foot, 16 to Mr. Healey, two to Mr Silkin and one to Mr. Shore, with eight MPs un-decided or not publicly com-

Their constitueous parties, however invide 27 for Mr. Skot, eight for Mr. Healey, and home for Mr. Shore or Mr. Silkin, with

for Mr Shore or Mr Silkin, with nine undecided.

In spite of those differences, most constituency paints be-lieve in leaving their MPs free to cast their yours as they see fit. They overwhelmingly reject, the idea proposed by the Labour Co-ordinating Commit-tee that MPs should bring their ballot manes to an emergency. ballot papers to an emergency meeting of the general management committee and fill them in after a vote has been taken

there.
Mr Michael Meather, MP for Oldham West, and a member of the Coordinating, Committee, said that it was not in any way trying to suggest to constituency parties that they should yet the votes of their MPs or mandate them. That, however, is how many local parties seem no have interpreted the com-mistee's letter which was sent-out to affiliated constinuencies on October 20. Most parties have not bothered to discuss the matter.

the matter.

The Times survey has found The Times survey has found nine constituency parties, who say that they are broadly in favour of mandating their MPs to vote for a particular candidate and of vetting their votes. Bradford North party has taken the toughest stand, at a meeting last weekend it voted by a majority of 30 to 12 that Mr. Benjamin Ford, its MP should be mandated to vote for and should inform the party who he has voted for at every stage of the ballot. Barnsley constituency party, which supports Mr Foot has also said that it is in favour of vetting and is likely to be involved in a clash with Mr Roy Mason; its MP, who is expected

Mason, its MP, who is expected to support Mr Hestley.

Other constituency parties which have declared themselves in favour of the principle of mandating their principle of maintaing their MPs are Nortingham West (Mr Michael English), Walsall North (Mr David Winnick), Haringey, Tottenham (Mr Norman Arkinson), Hammersmith North (Mr Clive Soley), Hounslow, Feltham and Heston (Mr Russell Striat Holland) and Eton and Stuart Holland) and Eton and Slough (Miss Joan Lestor)
Additional reporting by Craig Seton, Randla Faux, John Chartres, Ronald Kershun and Arthur Osman.



Mr Foot: A tragedy if

# Appeal for

Times went out of existe would be a magedy for dom, Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour said last night. He urg

papers. It was a threat proper means of free sion. The loss of the I Evening News was a disaster. The National Union o

nalists (NUJ) and p unions with the support opposition, should mistronger joint approach to get the Government to ecession. Mr. Kenneth Ashton.

secretary of the NUI, organized the meeting there seemed no buy Times Newspapers on the

ownership for national papers should be inves But he was not enamou Mr William Residings. armour and on a white charging around seeking sortium to save the par It was an important stu-block that Thomsons we-to pay £1.5m this ye-£800,00 next year to b piece work for the intro of new technology. The ment could help mal mency available. "Tied" offer: Nations.

paper publishers hav printing union leaders per cent pay rises for men in the industry n tied to an agreement to unofficial strikes (Our

The pay offer from the paper Publishers Ass has been coolly received unions, and is certain rejected at meetings ner The proposed deal sets mum rise in earnings o week from January I. Quite apart from the size of the wage increa-offer is exciting cons reaction among workers because the en want from union leaagreement that u strikers will not be p all employees will re-basic wages until dispu-cedures are bonoured. The refusal to allow crease to count for p

### Campaign for Labour Victory sends secret ballot plan to all members

By George Clark Political Correspondent

A proposal for the election of the Labour leader by secret ballot of all individual mem-

ballot of all individual mem-bers of the party, to be put before the Labour Party special conference in January is being circulated to all constituency parties by the Campaign for Labour Victory, a grass-roots organization which has the general support of the Mani-festo Group of 80 moderate Labour MPs.

"approached by the conference stewards" and "escorted from the hall by plain-clothes police" had made any com-The incident occurred in full view of the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and Cabinet, as well as television Parliamentary report, page 4 of democracy coming over the horizon they decided that only their own model would be regarded as legitimate."

But Mr Thomas reminded the NEC that they would not decide what went on the agenda at the special conference. It would be the conference arrangements committee and it was certain that many constituency parties who shared the views of the moderates would one vote proposal.

Announcing the details last The moderate campaigners night, Mr Mike Thomas, MP settled their plan for the for Newcastle upon Tyne East, Labour Party at the weekend, a leading member of the Mani- and published it last night.

Announcing the details last night, Mr Mike Thomas, MP for Newcastle upon Tyne East, a leading member of the Manifesto Group, said it was an outrage that the party's national executive committee had refused to agree to circulate the moderates' scheme for the leadership election.

"It is monstrous that the NEC should take it upon themselves to circulate only one model constitutional amendment—the one they prefer ", he said. "Tom Bradley [Labour MP for Leicester, East] put this to the NEC at their meeting this week, but it was rejected out of hand.

"Having seen this little bit Indeed their plan for the settled their plan for the weekend, and published it last night.

The Campaign for Labour complain about the callimination of the trade union block to the trade union block. The Campaign for Labour of the constitution to have solve that the view that the best way of choosing the leader of the Labour Party in Parliament is by the present method of election by Labour MP's whose confidence he has to command.

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#### unions to crisis talks method of election must be is principle and in practice as legitimate and democratic as By David Felton Labour Reporter the present procedure; and that the mechanisms of the delegate, the block vote and the electoral college are wholly inappropriate as a basis for

Therefore the campaign was circulating to its supporters and all constituency Labour Parties a model constitutional moves toward long-term efficiency, improvements, which were agreed in principle as part of last April's 20 per cent pay deal, have not gone into effect. The conference has been called for November 19 and 20. Last night, the executive of the Nerional Union of Railwaymen (NUR), which with 180,000 members is dominant in the industry, agreed to extend the meeting. vide for election by secret postal vote by all individual members of the party.

meeting.
The attitude of the other unions, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and the white-collar Transport Seleried Staffs Asso-

# **BR summons**

at two-day crisis conference with the those rail unions has been called by British Rail in an attempt to break the dead-lock over introducing productivity measures that it says are vital to its future.

Disagreement between the unions has meant that the moves toward long-term

ciation, was not known.

Leaders of the NUR meeting in London, decided that urgent steps had to be taken because of the railways worsening financial position.

### is expected to cause negotiating difficulties. Weather forecast and recordings

Moon sets : Moon rises : 2.05 pm 11.50 pm burgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly dry, rather cloudy, few bright or sunny intervals; wind S moderate increasing fresh; may temp. 11° to 12°C (52° to 54°F). New Moon : November 7.

Lighting up : 5.05 pm to 6.24 am: High water: London Bridge, 6.55 am, 6.0m; 7.30 pm; 6.2m. Avonmouth, 12.10 am, 10.2m; 12.37 pm, 10.1m. Dover, 4.03 am, 5.6m; 4.47 pm, 5.3m. Hull, 11.51 am, 5.9m. Liverpool, 4.41 am, 7.5m; 5.09 pm; 7.5m. 1ft=0.3048m 1m=3.2808ft

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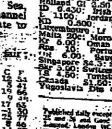
Loudon, SE Central S. E. Central N. NE. NW. England, East and N Ireland; mostly dry with some sunshine in England and Nalla, Midlands, Channel Islands.
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Isle of Man, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Orkney; Shetland: Rather cloudy, outbreaks of rain or drizzle spreading from E; wind S fresh, increasing strong; max temp 9 to .11°C (48° to 52°F). Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain or drizzle at times; wind S, strong to gale; max femp. 11° to 12°C (52 to 54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Rain at times in Scotland and N Ireland; mostly dry with some sunshine in England and Wates.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY; C. Clouds I, Sair;



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#### Lord Bruce wanted to know what proceedings were con-templated "to uphold the rule round in a police cell. After of law". Handicaps test on £12m in schools 'are misleading' education cuts

Government that a protester Sussex Hospital.

Lord Belstead; Under Secre-

stated in the Lords yesterday, peer, after my report of the The man, Mr Michael Carver, violent pounding Mr Carver a member of the Right to Work received on the floor from campaign who gained up stewards and some Conserva-

By. Fred Emery Political Editor

Sussex police informed the

dragged from the Conservative

Party conference earlier this memb, a Home Office minister

a member of the Right to Work campaign who gained un-authorized access to the

authorized access to the Erighton Centre and protested during Mrs Thatcher's closing speech, claims that he came

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Two pupils out of every three

of help from the school psycho-

logical service did not need it,

Of the 30 children who were

deemed to be in need of special education at the age of seven,

29 did not eventually need it.

while three quarters of those who were later judged to be in

need of special education were

missed in the original screening. Only a third of the children

aged seven identified as likely

A man is in hospital at Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, with legionnaire's disease, which he contracted after returning from Portugal. The hospital said there was no danger to staff or

to fail educationally were in the bertom 10 per cent on a reading

test at the age of 13

New disease victim

and three out of four who did were missed, Mr Rennie says.

By Our Education Correspondent Some screening tests used to detect educational handicaps in primary school children are worse than useless, a report to published next month suggests. Children in the former West

Riding of Yorkshire, who were identified as having handicaps after screening at the age of seven were reassessed six years later by Mr Ewen Rennie, a school psychologist in Kirklees. Mr Rennie produces his findings in the November issue of Educational Research. They suggest that the screening, which involved comments by pupil-teacher ratio. teachers as well as standard-ized tests of vocabulary, readonly identified children as he-

so by the county council.

£156m, and the loss of 335 teaching jobs and of 85 ancillary staff in schools. achieved without compulsory redundancies. It is intended that

By Our Education

About 400 parents, teachers and trade unionists demonstrated outside the county half in protest against proposals put forward by the policy and resources committee, but not endorsed by the education committee, that would have involved the loss of 1,448 teaching posts by 1985 and a worsening of the

The education committee had said it would accept the proposals, which it believed would result in a lowering of education standards, only if directed to do Education's share of the cuts

involve a reduction of £2.1m in this year's education budget of It is hoped that that can be

## County decides

Police deny protester was unconscious

being released on bail without

tary of State at the Home Office, was questioned by Lord Eruce of Donnington, a Labour

Ey Our Education
Correspondent
Cheshire County Council agreed yesterday to go ahead with its plans to cut £12m from its education budget over the next five years, but decided to reexamine the controversial proposals as to how those cuts are to be carried out.

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the pupil-teacher ratio will be

### Hopes of single-figure deal dented by Mr Duffy

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

plaint of assault

Mr Terence Duffy, moderate president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.
Speaking after the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions had approved a deal giving increases of 8.2 per cent on nationally agreed minimum rates, he issued a warning that under the industry's two-tier bargaining system workers would seek more money in shopfloor bar-

assertions made by the Prime Minister that the engineers The Prime Minister's confidence that the engineering in have settled for 8 per cent,"
Mr Duffy insisted. "National figure wage settlement was a maximum."

rudely punctured vesterday by

Mr Terence Deffer

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The package covering 1.250,000 workers employed in member firms of the Engineering Employers' Federation will raise the minimum rate for skilled workers from £73 to £79 a week, and the unskilled basic goes up from £52.50 to £56.80. The new rates will come into effect when plant agreements come up for renewal in ments come up for renewal in the year beginning tomorrow. Most workers earn substantially more than those minimum rates through plant bargaining,

### Cohse fights expulsion

By Our Labour Staff
The Confederation of Health could cause illness. The Confederation or meanth Service Employees has taken up the case of Miss Jay Vyapoory, aged 36, a Mauritian, who was told last Friday she must leave the country on Sunday. Miss Vyapoory, who works at Harper-

doctor's note that expulsion The union has asked Mr Timothy Raison, Minister of State at the Home Office, to reconsider the cases of eight Cohse members. They are among 250, mainly from the bury Hospital, Radlet, Hertford-Philippines, who, as a result of shire, was allowed a temporary a recent Lords ruling are living extension after she produced a here illegally.

#### Government's housing policy attacked

By Pat Healey
Social Services Correspondent
The Government's, "callous
and cynical" housing policies
were leading Britain towards a
housing crisis of a scale and
intensity unremembered in
modern times, the National
Council of One-Parent Families
was warned yesterday.

Mr Christopher Holmes,
director of, the East London
Housing Association, told the
council's annual conference that
one-parent families would be

one-parent families would be among the main sufferers.

He pointed out that one-parent families were disproportionately dependent on public housing, and would therefore sufer more from the cuts in the cuts in the cuts making meeting which by 1982

housing spending which by 1983 would reduce spending to one third of the level in 1975.

One-parent families had half the disposable income of two-parent families and were therefore unlikely to benefit from the introduction of the right to buy for council tenants. They would suffer instead from the reduction in housing stock that

would result from council house sales. They would suffer too, if the campaign to emasculate the Housing (Homeless Persons)

weighing II stone in a council flat living reom in a macabre experiment, a jury at the Central Criminal Court heard yesterday.

Using a knife, saw and mallet, they dismembered the animal's carcass and burnt it in the same grate used, it is alleged, to burn the bodies.

Det Sergeant Frank Williams said when giving evidence in that it took 131 hours to burn the bodies, the prosecution alleges, the prosecution alleges, the prosecution witness, alleged, to burn the bodies.

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### kept at its present level. Pig burnt in grate as murder case experiment, police say

alleged murders burnt a pig

Police investigating six the multiple murder trial of described in detail the alleged Childs to murder Mr Frederick leged murders burnt a pig thenry MacKenney and others disposal by burning of bodies Sherwood that it took 13! hours to burn Earlier Mr Michael Hill, QC, The complaint was decied by

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### Lady Kagan in plot to amass £1m tax-free nest egg, jury is told

From Our. Correspondent

of the Gannex textile empire, was involved with others in a scheme to amass a large sum in a secret Swiss bank account as a "tax-free nest egg", it was alleged by the prosecution at Leeds Crown Court yesterday. She pleaded not guilty to conspiring to defraud the

inland Revenue by keeping the profit from the export of denim cloth, Lady Kagan, aged 55, of Fixby Road, Huddersfield, is jointly accused with two other

people and one company.

Raymond Kennedy, aged 54, of Wedgwood Drive, Leeds; Ibolya Ginsburg, of Broomfield, Elland, near Halifax, and Kagan Textiles Ltd, also pleaded not guilty to consider the defrayed. guilty to conspiracy to defraud the Crown.

· A similar charge against another Kagan company, Cello-foam (Yorkshire) Ltd, will be

The case against Mrs Ginsburg's husband Waldemar was not proceeded because he was too sich to stand trial. He was distharted

Mr Christopher Holland, QC, for the prosecution, said the case arose from an alleged conspiracy involving a life neer and the formation of a Panamanian company with its own secret

"The other side is the sad criminality of the matter. We are dealing with people of proven talent and achievements who found themselves more and more involved in a matter which gave rise to more and more

The defendants planned to divert into their Swiss account money that should have been

money that should have been brought back to Britain. The group had made up "criminally-false documents and records" to cover up the scheme.

They formed a Panamanian company called Denim Continentale (SA). "Although it was wholly owned and controlled by the defendants, its ownership than the secret and claudes. kept secret and clandes-

The company bought ship-

"knockdown prices" and re-sold it at its full value to buyers in Belgium and Italy.

The Panamanian company eturned to Britain very returned to Britain very modest sums representing a gross under-value, and sent the balance of the money to the bank account in Switzerland. At least £546,695 was diverted to Switzerland from the sale of

The part played by Lord Kagan was vital to the back-ground of the case, Mr. Holland said. But Lord Kagan was not accused of conspiracy to defraul. He was earlier committed to face trial later on separate charges:

Lord Kagan was energetic, enterprising and financially shrewd and commanded obed ience and loyalty from his closest colleagues. But he had another side: "He was driven hard by the pursuit of wealth and was the living spirit behind the conspiracy that is alleged ". Mrs Ginsburg was a trusted and loyal employee of the Kagan group, and served as assistant to her husband, Waldemar, who was mainly responsible for the paperwork.

of the Panamanian company. Mr Kennedy was, Mr Holland said, at the centre of the finan-cial administration of the group and was an inevitable member if the alleged conspiracy was to work. He was company sec-retary of the three British firms involved in the case.

Lady Kagan, who had lived apart from her husband for some time, was heavily involved in the family's business deal-

Mr Holland said the denim came into Lord Kagan's hands after the purchase of a bankrupt company. Charles Crabtree Ltd in 1972. By 1974 the stock of denim bought at low prices became valuable because of an increased demand for the commodity in Europe. It was then that the alleged conspiracy was

The trial was adjourned until today.

### PoWs likely to get pay at 1945 rates

By Nicholas Timmins

The Government is expected to announce today that prisoners of war who were deducted pay while in captivity during the Second World War will be paid the money owed to them. to them.

But it appeared last night that the monies owed may be paid at their wartime value, without any allowance for infla-

However, Lord Kimberley, who has raised the issue in the House of Lords, said last night that he believed the men's case had been looked at favourably by the Government, and was "cautiously optimistic" that there would be a favourable outcome.

The money was deducted from officers pay to allow for the camp currency that the Germans and the Italians were Germans and the Italians were meant to pay prisoners under the Geneva Convention. Many say, however, that they received little or no camp currency. After the war the cash was paid over to the Treasury.



### Anti-Jewish bomb claims doubted

By a Staff Reporter

Scotland Yard was yesterday considering claims that the neo-Nazi group Column 88 was responsible for the incendiary device sent to Mr. Frank Allaun, Labour MP for Salford East, who is Jewish.

There were suspicions that the calls, to Thames Television and the Daily Mirror, may have been hoaxes. Both calls, in different voices, came shortly after the early evening television news, and many hours after news first came out that Mr Allaun had seen wires inside

the padded envelope
The caller to Thames Television also spoke of "the bomb tonight", when the package had originally arrived at Mr Allaun's

Commons.

The caller to the Daily Mirror said there would be no more bombs sent to MPs, but there will be more to well-known people. He said Column 88 was waging a campaign against Jews. By yesterday evening, however, to similar packages had appeared

Dr. Jacob Gewirtz, defence

had appeared

Dr Jacob Gewitz, defence secretary of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said however that he believed the claims to be serious.

He said he thought all members of the Jewish community would be aware of the possibility of receiving a letter bomb, but he warned members of the public with Jewish sounding names to be alert.

### Medical units cheered by Senate reprieve

Health Services Correspondent acute work Westminster Medical School; vesterday welcomed the decision of the London University Senate on Wednesday to ablow the school to continue its independent existence.

Members of the hospital's campaign committee said they thought it unlikely that the Senate's decision would be reversed at the University Court meeting next Wednesday.

They also welcomed the

The future e the medical school was thrusened by the report of the Fowers committee, which was a up by London University a save money on medical education. It recommended in February that the medical school should close, while the hospital was threatened by the report of the London Health Manning Consortium, published at the same

The university joint planning committee acommended that instead of claims. Westminster Medical School should merge with the Gheing Cross. Hospital Medical School. But proposals were rejected by the University Senate.

Exmoor ponies being auctioned for slanghter in the ring at Bampton Fair, north Devon, yesterday. Officials of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Ministry of Agriculture veterinary surgeons and representatives of animal

protection secieties, watched the sale of 185 ponies. Most of them were auctioned for between £199; aht £170, and will end up as horsemeat/southe Continental market. They laughtermen.

Only time costs with true

### PC who los an arm told he must leave job

By Frances Gibb

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The police constable who lost part of his right, and when a bomb exploded in his hand at Carford police, station, seath London, in May, has been discharged from his job with the Motropolitan Police.

Police Constable Stephen Hickling, aged 20, who was taid of the decision on Tuesday, when he went for a routine medical examination, said 16 terday: Tam very bitter, I was assured that I would remain a policeman. It is the only job I know and I think I have been shability treated.

pc Hickling who married his finicee. Lorraine. Copas. Accd 24, two weeks and, had just returned from a boneymond from Crete. He had not been brek to work since the bomb blast, to which be also inferred demage to an ear and eye.

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FC Stephen Hickling has been seen by the chief messaid officer and consulting to the Metropulitan Poince, and informed that despite targing of aktive offices by a team of aktive efforts by a team of 4k free surgeons, his permanent into a core of such several free in will not be possible for him to continue as a police officer.

" The Commissioner obliged to accept the adject of his medical advices, but it analous that PC Highling should remain within the framework of the lorce. ".In provide the opportunity

fer him to remain, he has been. offered a position within the Commissioner's civil staff where there are ample career oppor

One such opportunity which he a job as dog trainer at the Metropolizan Police dog-training centre on Keston, Kent. But yestorday PC Hickling said he was going to appeal against the discharge.

"I realized that I could probably nor go back on the beat But there are loss of other jobs I could do, like working in the information room at Scalland Yard. I am really choked,

### Two clinics may defy Haughey 'Irish solution'

### Risk of farce in contraceptive laws

Contraceptives will be legally on sale in the Irish Republic for the first time tomorrow, but with restrictions so severe that the exercise is in grave danger of becoming a farce.

The Roman Catholic bishops are maintaining a chorus of moral indignation at the prospect of "unnatural" birth control becoming the norm, and the always acute sensitivity about suspected church pressure on the legislature has once more been aroused

The most definite thing that can be said about the new will be flouted. It raises many unanswered questions, moral ical, and there is upremitting controversy between churchmen, politicians, doctors, charmacists and the fledgling plans to do the same. feminist movement.

Its main ingredient is to curtail the availability of contraceptives, presently obtained with ease through eight voluntary family planning clinics that for several years have been in an ambiguous legal position. The legislation aims to en-

sure that only married couples get contraceptives by making it legally necessary to obtain a doctor's prescription that can he dispensed only by a bona fide pharmacist.

That would reduce the role

fine f the family planning clinics traceptives and perhaps reach to counselling only, where at a financial understanding.

freely, or, as some clinics would prefer, they accept a donation in return for the supply of con-

Miss Dorothy Melvin, speak-ing for the family planning clinic in Galway, said: "The men who use our services have no intention of going along to a doctor as if they were prize bulls looking for a licence. The law provides for a £500 first fine for selling contraceptives illegally and £5,000 or a

offence. But Miss Ann Connolly, direcsaid about the new tor of the Well Woman Clinic Planning Act is that it in Dublin, said the clinic would continue to sell contraceptives, it has supplies for six months, ek a licence to operate within the terms of the Act. At least one other clinic

year in prison, on a second

The law stipulates that importers will require a licence, which in theory applies to individuals who answer advertisements for postal deliveries from England. Doctors have different attitudes to the legislation and some will refuse to give pre-scriptions on religious grounds; the same applies to some phar-

The clinics, according to the Department of Health vester-day, will be free to establish an arrangement with a proper chemist for the supply of con-

satisfies the clinics, who fear they will be forced out of busi-ness if the law is obeyed. That queues of people at the clinics wanting to make bulk pur-

The questions critics of the Act ask include: "Will the Department of Health provide a list of doctors and chemists who are conscientions objectors to the provision of contracep tives, or will individual patients have to establish that for themselves? Will parients, have to present a marriage certificate prove they are not single? quantity of contraceptives will

tion.
The new legislation is an attempt to curb the wholesale import and sale of contracep-tives and is the product of Mr Charles Haughey, the Prime Minister, when he was Minister for Health. He commented: "It is an Irish solution to an Irish prob-

fear has in recent days created the unusual spectacle of long

Irish couples were forbidden by law to use contraceptives until the celebrated McGee case in the Supreme Court in 1973 in which it was decreed that a person was entitled to reasonable access to contracep-

## assurance given in the house of Commons on Monday by Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Health, that the Government had "never envisaged that this great hospital [Westminster] fixmoer pedigree were sold. You'd expect us to have better connections

in West Africa.



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### Judge suggests parole after three months

ht The threshold at which Thurisoners are eligible for bat arole should be drasticaly on trasticay owered, Lord Istice Willes

Waller, a Court of Appeal judge, said yesterday.
Addressing the annual meeting of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders he pointed out inequalities that could occur under the present system, which a prisoner became eligible for parole after serving a third of his sentence, or 12 months, whichever was the longer. In practice, because there is one-third remission in any event, parole applies only to those serving more than 18

Lord Justice Waller gave the example of two men convicted of a serious crime; one, a ring-leader, got three years' imprisonment, the other, who had played a relatively minor role, was sentenced to 18 months. It and they are both released on the same day.

He suggested that release on c licence should be available after three months' improsimment had been served. Lord Justice Waller gave the

#### TV actor wins discharge

Earnings by Ian Hendry from the television series For Maddie With Love, helped to get the actor his immediate discharge actor his immediate discharge from bankrupacy yesterday. In the 10 months since he was declared bankrupt, Mr Hendry, aged 49, of Heather Gardens, Golders Green, London, had earned £43,385, mostly from the television series. His main creditor, the Inland Revenue, will receive £30,000 of it, London Bankruptcy Court was told.

### 'Now' to pay damages for libel on Spanish airline

Ltd, publisher of Now 1 magazine, yesterday agreed to pay substantial damages and costs to the Spanish airline Court libel action.

Spantax in settlement of a High Court libel action.

Spantax had also sued Mr William Norris, who wrote an article in Now! Last May about

in which 582 people died,
Mr David Eady, for the airline, told Mr Justice Taylor
that the article stated: "When
a Convair 880 four-jet airline
owned by the Spanish airline
Spanish Laters was Spantax landed, there was apparently no parking space left, and no one to show the pilot past the next aircraft. In frustration, he closed

pound urged

to cut food bill

British shoppers would soon spend at least £8m a week more than necessary on food, the Con-

prices excessive.

In William Roberts, head of public affairs at the association, called on the Government to revalue the green pound. The rise in sterling meant that the value of the green pound to British farmers was increasing. The result would add f3m to f10m a week from Monday, he said. British consumers are being denied just about the only

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benefit for them of a strong

the middle of the taxiway".

The article alleged that was the cause of the crash at Los Rodeos airport. Mr Eady said that the article alleged that the Spanish investigators were wrong not to have made mention of the

in that suggestion. Spantar did not own a Convair 880. On the date in question only two aircraft belonging to Span-tax landed at Los Rodeos, but they had left well before the

"illegal parking by the Spantax

Mr James Price, for the de fendants. said they acknow-ledged that there was no Span-tax airliner in the vicinity of down his engines and left the giant aircraft where it was—in accident. They apologized the embarrassment caused

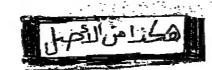
#### Revalued green Detained men 'not wanted for

Bologna blast Two Italians held since Wed-nesday by Scotland Yard were not responsible for the Bologia railway station bomb massacre, sumers' Association said yester-day. It claimed that the Euro-pean Community's common agri-cultural policy made British prices excessive. although one was wanted for extradition to Italy over alleged terrorist offences, police said

The other was being held at Rochester Row for questioning about another offence not con-

Police said on Wednesday night that extradition proceed-ings were likely, but the two were not taken Street magistrates' court as expected yesterday.

"We are awaiting further information from Italy", police officer said.



### Artificial boom in Britain would First steps towards EEC fisheries policy lead to hyper-inflation and more unemployment-Mrs Thatcher Will she stop lecturing this about high wages? They have ner had high wages and they are it being thrown out of work day, day and week by week as a thir of her policies.

It is not always easy to do.

At the moment it is our objective to hold spending to the levels previously published. Because there Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham.
C) was cheered by Labour MPs
during Prime Muister's question when he said that there was danger of creating a society in which money lending was the only which money lending was the omy profitable business.

He had asked Mrs Margaret Thatcher to confirm, in the light of this morning's Cabinet meeting, that coursed of the public sector borrowing requirement and the money supply remained at the heart of Government policies.

The reason why both are rising so sharply (he said) is that the cost of public borrowing is so high and the cost of unemployment is so high because luterest rates are

previously purposeed. Because are certain aspects of the programme where public expenditure is increasing sharply, it means there have to be reductions in objective.

Mr Michael Foot, Depury Leader
of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale,
Lab): If the Cabinet discussed this
morning questions of further cuts
in public expenditure, could Mrs.
Thatcher tell us what they are?
What calculations were before
the Cabinet about further increases
in unemployment that would result from such cuts?
Mrs Thatcher: All aspects were
discussed and are regularly discussed by the Government. The
Government objective is to hold
to the public spending totals whichso high because interest rates are so high.

Mrs Thatcher replied: I wholly agree that there must be no question of printing money to try to get an artificial boom which would lead ultimately to higher inflation, hyper inflation and higher nnemployment.

We will not 20 in for printing extra money. I am every bit as anxious as he to try to get down interest rates. I much prefer them lower. The key to getting them lower. The key to getting them lower that public spending must bear its share of the blow.

Mr Nicholas Lyell Hemsel Hemp-Mr Nicholas Lyell Hemsel Hemp-stead, C) had earlier asked Mrs that the state of the state weight of her authority in Cabinet to make sure sures to bring down public expenditure bore on proper control of year and current spending and Government objective is to hold to the public spending totals which have already been published.

We do not, I regret to say in some ways, have the former Chancellor of the Exchequer's (Mr. Healey's) objective in mind when he reduced public spending by \$5,000m in one year. Air Foot: She is responsible for her own Cabinet. What are the extra further increases in unemployment that may result from her decisions today?

Mrs Thatcher: The way to have longer term prospects for good Mrs Thatcher: The way to have longer term prospects for good jobs is to make the defeat of inflation one's top priority. Mr Arthan Davidson (Accrington, Lab): What my constituents want is jobs. Does she not feel sometimes ashamed that she has managed to bring record levels of unemployment in an area which has never known high unemployment before?

Mrs Thatcher: The key to rejobs lies in keeping British Patry competitive. There is near
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Intensive preparations for the meeting would meanwhile be undertaken by a committee consisting of senior officials from each member of the senior officials from the constant of the senior of the sen longer they went on before reaching agreement the weaker the British negotiating position betions following a statement about the meeting on Tuesday in Luxembourg of the Council of Fisheries Ministers.

He outlined the agreement reached at the meeting on a draft courted regulation, firmly establishing that each member state would be responsible for enforcement within its fishery limits and empowering the Commission to make sure that member states aspect.
The aim was for the new regu-January 1, 1981. At the behest of the United Kingdom it had been agreed that it was necessary for the Commission regularly to monitor the manner in which member states were carrying out their enforcement duties so as to guarantee that there was a uniformity of specification of the regulation

antee that there was a unitorally of application of the regulation throughout the Community.

In a discussion of the criteria on which quota allocations should be based, he had reiterated, in particular the need to make greater allowances for past losses of fishing opportunities in waters of fishing opportunities in waters of third world countries.

There was also a need to discount from the historic record excessive catches of human consumption species taken in the industrial fishery.

The Commission had undertaken

on the question of access.

agreement as queens as possible.
Sir. Walter (Clegg (North Fylde.
C): Mr Walker will have the full
support of the House in enforcing conservation measures, What of the structural package for the industry. Rightly, that comes at the end of the agenda after we

Mr Alan Beith (Berwitz upon C)—His be had talks with the Tweed, L) What discussions Secretary of State for Defence (Mr were there about the importants Pym) about the resources will of safeguarding the access of will be required to enforce the inshore fishermen to waters opportunity we now have which immediately off our coast? We's a sectione to look after politically any threat posed?

Mr Walker: No threat was posed. Who will pay? Will the cost important agreement at this Council is that we are not going to discuss quotas alone, but at the next meeting quotas with access. Onstant talks on this with Mr Patrick Wall: (Baltemprice, Involved Out of my badget.) Mr Walker: The rough and diffi-cult part is quotas and access and nor matters so far agreed. On enforcement, it is essential we have manimity.

I started the idea that each member state should be respon-sible for enforcement within 200 mile-limits and we have obtained

good and sensible agreement when in a negotiating position it is absurd to start talking abou

Men were escorted from Tory conference

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Under Secretary, Home Office,

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### Farming's good record on prices

There was no Intention of revalu-ing the green pound, Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during questions on increased food prices since May 1979.
Mr Walker (Worcester, C) stated:
In the 17 mouths between May 1979 and September 1980, food prices, as measured by the general index of restall prices, rose by 15.6 Mr Peter Mills (West Devon, C): I other industries had the same traci

record as agriculture on price rises, productivity and lack of strikes, Britain would not be in the strikes, Sritain would not be in the mess it is in.
Miss Joan Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab): There is a connexion between food prices and farm prices. Mr Walker made a speech at Wye College last week in which he said in 1950 we produced of the cent of our food and are which he said in 1900 we produced 60 per cent of our food and are now approaching 80 per cent. In the last 20 years there has been a 150 per cent improvement in labour's productivity record in dustry, which is right for the moner in which that industry has Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford, C): British food producers have raised prices less than the rate of inflaprices less than the rate of infla-tion. That constitutes a remarkable track record for the industry. Mr Walker: Yes. The agriculture industry has made an enormous contribution in the battle against

inflation. Mr Roy Mason, chief Opposition Mr Koy Mason, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Barnsley Lab): Because of a series of green pound devaluations and the artificially high rate of sterling, there is now a United Kingdom positive compensatory amount of about 10 per ceor. about 10 per cept.

There is now a tax on food There is now a tax on food imports which is likely to increase food prices by about 5 percent. It is time ministers considered a green pound revaluation that would reduce prices, give consumers a better deal and help tackle inflation. Mr Walker : I would like to correct

Mr Walker: I would like to correct some distorted comments made in certain areas of the press. If I eradicated the whole of the present MCA advantage to Britain, the effect on the RPI would be one third of 1 per cent. Headlines of an 8 or 9 per cent tax on food give a totally false impression.

An Opposition that constantly points out the disadvantage to industry of the high rate of stefling should not be disappointed because in agriculture there is a European mechanism which stops that taking place.

Mr Mason: He says he has no intention of revaluing the green pound. If this continues, he is bound to agree, in the annual price review to a general food price increase. review to a general root increase. Mr Walked: In terms of price reviews there have always been discussions upon the relativity of MCAs and prices and I am sure they will take place at the coming price review. I have no intention of devaluing the green pound.

Prison mail

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Mr Leon Brittan, Minister of State,
Home Office, in a written reply,
said: We are considering changes
in the regulations on correspondence to and from prisoners in
England and Wales in the light of
discussions with the European
Commission of Human Rights
which are confidential to the
parties involved. At this stage it
would be premature to publish
details.

Call for better potatoes Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Foud, said during questions that he accepted there was scope for further action to improve the quality of British poraroes on sale.

### Proposals to restore Parliament to centre of political stage

The effectiveness of this in the future must be one of the sin the future must be one of the principal concerns of all those who cared for the maintenance and strengthening of the Duchy of Lancaster and Leader of the House, (Chelmsford, C), said, opening a debate on The range of matters within this review would include procedures for the examination of departmental estimates, supply day procedures, procedures for the consideration of Consolidated Fundand the Appropriation Bill.

The ranks of the new committees. Today is important (he said) in the hisory of the House. Forto-day, the House has an opportunity the epoch-making report on proce-dure which was published just over two years ago by the Select Com-mittee on Procedure under the chairmanship of Electric under the had made a dynamic contribution which had affected not only the Westminster scene but the White-hall scene, too. Their influence was felt throughout the Government. reforms and these proposals give the House another opportunity to adapt itself to the needs and signs of the time in an evolutionary but

Many MPs found the line by line We have in mind (he sald) that next session we should undertake an experiment with the new proceattitude of MPs themselves.

Mr Merlyn Rees, for the Opposition (Liceds, South, Lab) said the
report of the Home Affairs Select
Committee on the "Sus" laws
showed the great value of such
committees. Their role was, aff
evolving one. There was an overlap
in the work of many committees
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give evidence under the new committee system.

An important recommendation concerned a new standing committee procedure on EEC documents. The House had not found the existing procedure extisfactory and the procedure committee had suggested detailed changes.

It was proposed that a debate should take place as an amendable motion on Community documents and that up to two and a half hours should be allowed for this. Such a discussion at a responable time of day was a considerable improvement of the procedures.

Financial control of the House of Commons could in the long run prove perhaps the most important, sphere of all.

We have the went on our means of controlling financial matters: the budget debate, the Finance Bill, the Consolidated Fund Bill, the Appropriation Bill, the estimates. These are the great events of the Commons financial year. But it is also true that much of the control in relation to the estimates is formal rather than real. There is often no detailed scrutiny of estimates.

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The procedure committee recommended that departmental estimates, including supplementary estimates, should be referred to the departmental select committees. Action had been taken to provide the committees with proof copies of supplementary estimates and he hoped the committees would make use of this material.

More important than these particular recommendations was that the procedure committee recognized that the system by which the House controlled supply was in need of radical review. He shared that view and so did the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The proposal accordingly provided for the establishment of a

**Assisted** school places plan approved

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Monday: Motion on Community document on aids for milk and pig production. Motion on National Dock Labour Board (Increase of Loans Limit) Order. Tresday: Motion on EEC draft directive on proposal for a Community driving ficence. munity driving ficence.

Wednesday: Civil Aviation Bill
Lords amendments. Proceedings
on Tenants' Rights Et; (Scotland).
(Amendment) Bill, and consideration of Lords message on Criminal
Justice (Scotland) Bill. Thursday: Debate on report of Burgoyne Committee on offshore safety.

safety.

Friday: Motions on common agri-culture policy orders on protection of Community arrangements, sheep variable premium, and on food consumer protection propo-. The main business in the House Monday: Broadcasting Bill, report

stage.
Tuesday: Education (Assisted Places) Regulations and Highways (Road Humps) Bill, third reading. Wednesday: Local Government, Planning and Land (No 2) Bill, third reading. Planning and Land (No 2) Bill, only one official nomines has falled to become president in the Thursday. Broadcasting Bill, third reading.

### Science report

By Clive Cookson.

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The next president of the National Radidate subranously. Today, with 1,100 full-time staff and \$,000 past-time committee inomhers, it dwarfs in the complete in the committee inomhers, it dwarfs in the consumption in the con December.

Dr Press, a distinguished geophysicist from the Messachnsess institute of Technology, has had more infuence within the White House than previous science advisers, and he has made sure that President Carter stuck to his commitment to increase support for scientific research, despite all the competing demands on therfederal budget. At 55; Dr Bress is young enough to serve two six-year terms at the head of the academy. like the retiring president, Dr Philip Handler.

The election of Dr Press is not quite a foregone conclusion. Another candidate could in theory be nominated by a group of 50 or more members of the academy but only one official nomines has falled to become president in the 116-year history of the urganize of deliberations, which dismissed the medium-term commercial via

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### Killing of tubercular badgers by gas is to be resumed

te Government announced esterday. It decided to act the receiving a warning that theretalosis in badgers could aread to humans.

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The warning appeared in a sport commissioned by Mreter. Weiker, Minister of griculture, Fisheries and ood, from Lord Zuckerman, M. FRS. the former chief lentific adviser to the government, who is president of the oological Society of London. The human risk is enormally important, Lord gekerman said at a press conrence in London resterday. rence. in London vesterday.

e knew of no case in which
e disease had been transferred om a badger to man. "But thout doubt it could happen. ny creature that gets tuber-dosis the way the badget gets could cross-infect a human

government decided sterday to accept all of bis gestions for improving the mpaign to reduce tuberculosisiona badgers by killing ected animals. The campaign is suspended a year ago after mestr by animal welfare

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eliminary results from the ey, which covered more 1,500 boat people, were ented yesterday to a joint e Office committee conating resettlement.

pirty per cent of refugees 117 and over were receiving inglish lessons and a further er cent less than two hours ek Fewer than 15 per cent receiving the 10 hours a regarded as the minimum ssary if the refugees were to regress into linguistic

a Vietnamese were keenly the importance of ish. Almost seven tenths of s not on any training se listed language training heir most essential educa-

se study, by the Ockenden ure, one of the three vol-ry organizations involved he admission programme. he admission programme, irms fears that local auth-Cuts, coupled with the Office policy of dise Office poucy of dis-ing refugees throughout country, seriously threatens ability to cope by them-

aguage was the key to integration, yet many being rehoused in rural with little previous exice of immigrants.

for Lord Zuckerman to decide whether the campaigners were right in claiming that badgers had not been shown to be the source of the disease in cattle. He said in his report that badgers were definitely the source and defended ministry staff in the west of England who have been criticized in recent years by animal welfare groups. "Ministry scientists are to be commended for having serabout their work in the way of all good and experienced scientists", Lord Zuckerman added. The Government has accepted

The Government has accepted Lord Zuckerman's plea for staff at the Chemical Defence Estabat the Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton Down, Wiltshire, to investigate better gassing methods. "We should, if possible discover a better way of disseminating cyanide gas throughout the numels and chambers of a set than by blowing in particles of cyanide preparations, as at present."

parations, as at present."
One in four badgers in some sreas in the South-west had the disease. If diseased animals were not eliminated the entire British badger population, buildreds of thousands of animals, could be

come extinct. People who found dead badgers anywhere in the counmest: by animal welfare staff so that the carcass could be tested for the disease. Lord Zuckerman said he was worried about the strious levels among as nets.

as pets.

Mr Waiker asked farmers not to kill suspected badgers. He said that the ministry would review its policy on badger disease in three years.

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Woman PC 'partially

club's carnival float almost resulted in a policewoman being partially stripped, magistrates at Weymouth were told yester

at weymouth were tom yesterday.

The rugby players, some
dressed as American footballers and others as cheer
leaders, hoisted Woman Police
Constable Anne Pirman, aged
22, onto their float, undid her
skirt zip and tried to pull it
down in front of thousands of
people at Weymouth's annual
August carnival. August carmival.

The behaviour of the four eccused Weymouth Rugby Club members and their guest was described as "rude, loutish and ungentlementy", by Mr Patrick Eutler, for the prosecution. The five deny assaulting WPC

duty and damaging her skirt. They also object to being bound over to keep the peace.

They are the club secretary.
Stephen Downton, of Cocklands, Cherminster; and players
Stuart Bass, aged 20, of Derby
Street, Weymouth; Arthur
Fisher, aged 29, of Purbeck
Lodge, Lower Putton Lane,
Chickerell, Weymouth; and
Gregory Scholfield, aged 36, of
Franchise Street, Weymouth.

The guest was Donald Philpot, aged 23, of Goldcroft Road,
Weymouth, who the prosecution
allege lifted the policewoman
off her feet "like a honeymoon
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WPC Pitman was shown a photograph taken at the carnital and she admitted she was laughing. "As I was being carried I may have laughed and giggled with embarrassment The hearing continues today.

ace body is to investigate ouncil's hiring policy

llegations that Westminster / Council may have discrimi-ed against blacks by refusing employ them as dustmen in the borough are to be tally investigated by the emission for Racial Equality. tenission for Racial Equality.

The inquiry, believed to be first of its kind into the first of its kind into the floyment practices of a local lority, will also look at the played by a branch of the ional Union of Public Emirecs (NUPE). The allegas are that the branch may but pressure on the counput pressure on the coun-not to employ blacks as

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Our Theatre Reporter
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the tickets is to be estabed at Leicester Square with
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of London.
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West End Theatre hopes to
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bargain rates has played an
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iences on Broadway.

son at school

fire-raiser set light to Rush-

fe Road comprehensive

ing Wednesday night, causdamage estimated at more 1 £100,000 to classrooms and

The union and the council say they will cooperate fully with the investigation. "Discrimination in the manner alleged would never be condoned or supported by the union ", NUPE said yesterday. The council said ir had a clearly defined and publicly declared policy of non-discrimination in its employment procedures. The best candidate for a job was appointed, regardless of race, colour, creed, religion

dustmen and that the council may thereby be guilty of racial discrimination.

### More of England's vintners are getting bottled

England's vinters have produced this year twice as many quality wines as last year. The English Vineyards Asso-

ciation's seal of approval has gone to 16 wines compared with eight last year. But there has been an uneven harvest, with good yields in some areas and disaster in others.

had three meagre summers and still people are not being put off. The industry is growing." While some vineyards have been affected badly, the general rule has been that those farther

east fared better. The area under vines in England has grown from 10 acres in 1967 to nearly 900 today.

disaster in others.

Mr John Ward of the Merrydown. Wine Company, who is
chairman of the English Vineyards Association, said: "Some
people are doing well this year
and others very hadly. We have

195/ to nearly 900 today.

Each acre can produce six
tons of fruit and one ton of
fruit can yield 900 bottles of
wine. When crops are good, running one of England's 230 vineyards can make sound sense at
£2.50 a bottle upwards.

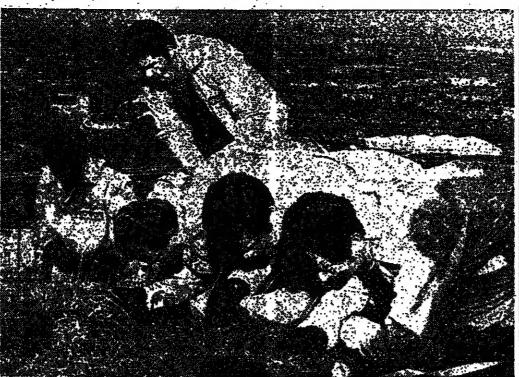
### New kidneys after poison

By Our Medical Correspondent Two men poisoned by a rare variety of mushroom have had to have kidney transplants, a report in The Lancet says today. it adds that the fungus is not listed as dangerous in many books or warning posters.

The orange gilled mushroom, Cortinarius speciosissimus, grows in damp pine forests. Three holidaymakers in nor-thern Scotland in August, 1979,

picked some of the mushrooms and ate them in a stew. All began vomiting two days later and after 10 days the men were admitted to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary with kidney

The third, a woman, aged 25, had a diuresis after eight days and recovered completely. In the men, aged 30 and 31, the kidney failure persisted and after nine months both had transplant operations. transplant operations.



who say they gave them away more than 10. Harry Frost, aged 34, unemployed labourer, at Dewsbury police headquarters.

In brief

not so wild'

Mr Ted Noble, the farmer

who captured a puma in the Scottish Highlands, may be the victim of a hoar, Mr Eddie Orbel director of the Highland Wildlife Park said yesterday.

The puma had been out in the wilds for less than a week,

was extremely well fed and seemed tame. Mr Orsel said. The

big cat "seems accustomed to being in a cage" and had allowed people to scratch its

Five people, killed when their car was in collision with a lorry on the A483 near Ammanford, South Wales, were named last night as Mr Jeffrey Tucker, aged 45; Mr John Davies, aged 54; Mr Gilbert Lewis, aged 52; and Mr Herbert Lewis, aged 37; all of Ammanford.

Trains could be running

again in the spring over the worm-damaged Barmouth Via-

duct on the Cambrian coast line

running north from Machyulleth, the Shrewsbury-Aberyst-wyth line liaison committee was

Police Sergeant Mick Hayden, who is understood to have re-

out being armed, has been suspended by Hertfordshire Police pending disciplinary proceed

The Festival of Light has asked the Charity Commissioners to rule whether the National Theatre Board has broken its responsibilities as a charity in staging The Romans in Britain.

Woman dead in park

A mentally handicapped woman aged 23 was found dead

in bushes at Alexandra Park, South Harrow, London, yester-day. She had suffered severe injuries.

A woman aged 22 was found bludgeoned to death yesterday

in the room she had rented for only a week in Romford Road, Forest Gate, east London.

Bludgeoning death

She was fully clothed.

Car blown up

Irish pay deal agreed

Employers' leaders in the Irish Republic accepted with

reservations last night a national wages plan allowing pay rises totalling 16 per cent over the next 15 months.

Army bomb experts yesterday blew up a car parked at the Royal Pioneer Cirps camp in Northampton. The car was later declared "clean". The owner was traced to Luton

fused to enter a house Stevenage to arrest a man with

New attack on play

Sergeant suspended

Coast trains hope

told yesterday.

Crash kills five

Search for children: West Yorkshire police and his wife, Betty, aged 33, in High Street, combing the Caulms Wood area vesterday Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury, where another in their search for the lost babies of a couple- police team is continuing to dig. The new search area overlooks Batley, where neighbours say the couple often walked their dog. years ago (our Leeds Correspondent writes). Forty officers are involved in both ir is half a mile from the cottage of Mr searches. The Frosts are being interviewed

#### Unions sue over freeze on Whitehall pay reports Scottish puma

By Our Labour Staff Civil Service unions have started legal action against the

started legal action against the director of the Pay Research Unit to force the release of the reports which indicate increases due to civil servants and which are being withheld after the Government's decision to suspend the pay comparability system. ability system.

Reports from the unit were due to be delivered to the unions and the Government on November 15, and would contain the results of comparisons lar posts in the private sector. Union leaders believe that they would have shown that in- to the Government

creases of between 12 per cent and 20 per cent would be nec-Civil Service pay.

The Government has suspended the pay research system for this year and has said that cash limits will be used to regulate pay increases to 500,000 white-collar civil ser-

Announcing that legal action had been started against Mr Vernon Morgan, the unit's director, Mr William Kendall, secretary general of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said the Pay Research Unit reports Delayed report will invite politicians into minefield

### Pressure on team assessing public sector inflation-proofed pensions

Members of the independent inquiry into the value of inflation-proofed public-sector pen-sions, established by the Prime Minister in May, met this week with a renewed sense of urgency after pressure from the Government to speed up its work.

In commissioning the fiveman team under the chairmanship of Sir Bernard Scott, chairman of Lucas Industries, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said she hoped its investigation would be completed by the end of

September. Even with a quickened tempo, its report will not be with the Prime Minister before the end ters are acutely aware, a rash of headlines and parliamentary questions can be expected to greet the 16.5 per cent increase due to be paid from November 24 to 3,700,000 public servants Next month's rise, reflecting

movements in the retail price index between November 1978 and November 1979, will add 5367m to the £2,435m bill for public-service pensions payable under the 1971 Act to produce

a new total of £2.802m. The Scott inquiry's terms of reference are to judge whether the value of inflation-proofed pensions and job security are taken into account sufficiently in deductions made from pay awards to allow for them. Its relatively dry remit precludes it from pronouncing on the emotive matter of whether such benefits should be available to public employees in an era of high to hyper-inflation.

One reason for the slippage in the inquiry timetable is that

Sir Bernard and his colleagues recognize that matters are not as simple as they sometimes seem from the Conservative backbenches. They realize their report will be an invitation for ministers to step into a political

As the accompanying table shows, the 1971 Acr includes among its beneficiaries not just groups like civil servants and local government employees, for whom there is scant support on

Armed Forces Civil Service Police and fire

the Government's benches. Removing from them the protec-tion of inflation-proofing would incur minimal political penal-

Tampering with identical arrangements enjoyed by the armed forces and the police, who have been treated as a special case by the Government for pay purposes, could not be achieved without repercussions. Nor would unbooking the pen-

Nor would unbooking the pensions of doctors and nurses, who receive much public sympathy, from the retail price index be a simple task.

Without a shred of advocacy or special pleading the paper presented to the Scott inquiry by Sir John Herbecq, Second Permanent Secretary to the Civil Service Department, makes such difficulties clear.

Once Sir Bernard has re ported, the politics of public-service pensions will prob-ably unravel inside the Cabiner's Economy (Civil Service) Committee,

The dilemma ministers will face is whether it would be possible to strip inflation proofing from civil servants and local government officers while making a special case of soldiers, policemen, nurses, doctors and others enjoying public and parliamentary

Whitehall expects Sir Berpard to suggest that the Gov-ernment Actuary should place a higher value on inflation-proofing in advising the Government on the amount of pay

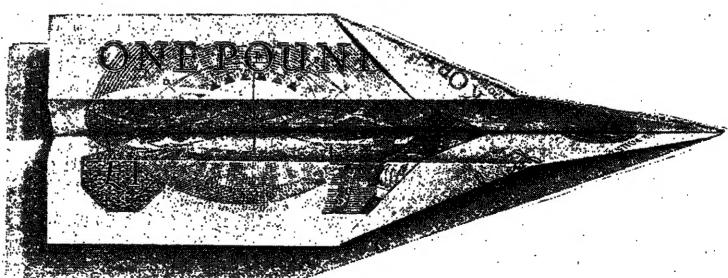


Sir Bernard Scott: Compli-

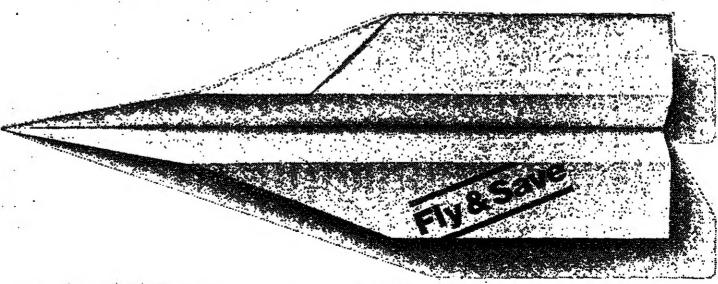
to be docked from settlements to cover it. It is likely, too, that the Scott report will, recommend a mechanism for limiting inflation-proofing in years of hyper-inflation.

That might involve a cut-off point of, say, 10 per cent, with Parliament baving the final say on whether the Exchequer sions above that level. In such circumstances, full inflationproofing might be for the bulk of public-service pensioners who receive small

### Fly to Germany



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#### WEST-EUROPE

### backs EEC parliament's power

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Oct 30

The power of the European Parliament to delay adoption of

In an important ruling that sets a precedent, it nullified a regulation adopted last year by the Council of Ministers because the Council had not waited to hear the Parliament's opinion before putting it in to

The Council, representing the EEC states, had argued that the Parliament had taken too long to give its opinion and that it had no right to intervene in a case before the court. The nine judges found against the Council on both counts.

In their summing-up they said the Council's duty to consult the Parliament was "an essential element of the instituessential element of the institu-tional equilibrium required by the Treaty of Rome". This duty could not be held to have been fulfilled simply by the council asking the Parliament for its

Answering the charges of time wasting by the Parliament, the court said the Council had failed to exhaust all the possibilities open to it, such as requesting a special session of

The regulation in question taxed production of isoglucose, a sugar substitute. It was designed to protect EEC sugarbeet growers.

The case started when a West German manufacturer appealed against the regulation in the Court of Justice. The Parliament also decided to intervene. The court dismissed the West German company's case, but up-held that of the Parliament.

The ruling is likely to encourage it to be more assertive and to be less worried about taking time giving opinions on laws it disapproves of. Ulti-mately, the Parliament has no

Several states, in particular rance and Britain, have expressed concern about the Parliament and see it as a tire-some constraint on the Council's freedom of action.

They are worried that if the

Council cannot now act with-out the Parliament's opinion even when a request for one bar gone without reply for several months, the assembly's powers of delay could amount to a veto where a law would lose much

### Court ruling Italian leader wins confidence vote. by realistic approach

Rome, Oct 30

The new Government led by Signor Arnaldo Forlani received its accolade last night of a vote EEC laws has been greatly reinforced by a judgment handed down yesterday by the European Court of Justice.

In an important ruling that around Italy's fortieth postwar

Tomorrow the Prime Minister will call the Cabinet together to decide on the economic measures thought necessary to meet the threat of inflation and growing unemployment.

From the beginning of this.

first effort at leading a govern-ment, Signor Forlani took the approach of trying to look reakstic rather than imaginative. It was a wise course.

He is not personally a particularly colourful personality but he has a reputation for steady, good sense and a certain diffidence to become entangled with the unpredictable, as he showed most clearly in the summer of last year when he refused the invitation to form a government when it tive. It was a wise course

to form a government when it was offered to him for the first Last night in the Senate his Last night in the Senate his warning was, for a man of his cool personality, much more dramatic: he reminded the senators that the edge of the precipice is no comfortable path to be walking along, as the fates of Chile and Turkey had shown. His more apocalyptic stand last night followed the emergence of two factors totally alien to his hope of a staid but factual approach to the coun-

try's two-year old law on abortion. The second was the emergence of a new scandal threatening the Government parties, in particular his own

Christian Democrat Party. The scandal-concerns alleged tax evasion by oil companies said to amount to the mimense sum of 2,000,000m. lire (£1,000m), an operation said to have been carried out with the active connivance of officials who in turn were covered by leading politicians.

In the course of the Senate debate yesterday. Signor Glorgio Pisano, the far right-wing senator, accused Signor Antonio Bisaglia, the Minister for Industry, of direct involvement in the scandal. At the same time he accused

close associates of Aldo Moro, the murdered former Prime Minister, of having explained the late leader of the Christian Democrats to make use of money taken from oil importers to buy estates for themselves in north-eastern and central Italy. Signor Bisaglia immediately denied the charges both pub-licly and privately Signor Flaminio Piccoli, the Christian Democrat Party secretary, rejected the charges against Moro with his statement: "There are those who want him killed a second time".

Tomorrow the Rome Public of Chile and Turkey had shown.

His more apocalyptic stand last night followed the emergence of two factors totally alien to his hope of a staid but factual approach to the country's problems.

First his socialist allies attacked the Pope for allegedly interfering in Italian affairs by

Tomorrow the Rome Public Prosecutor is expected to duestion one of Moro's former associates. Signor Sereno Freato, who is alleged to have taken money and to have taken money and to have taken such as the first signor for the following the first signor for the followed the emergence of two factors totally alien to his hope of a staid but factor in the followed the emergence of two factors totally alien to his hope of a staid but factor in the followed the emergence of two factors totally alien to his hope of a staid but factor in the followed the emergence of two factors totally alien to his hope of a staid but factor in the factor is alleged to have taken money and to have taken money and to have taken factor in large factor in the factor in the factor is alleged to have taken money and to have taken factor in large factor in large factor in large factor in the factor in the

### Brussels seeks New Year ban on hormones in meat

Brussels, Oct 30

mones in the rearing of cattle, pigs and poutry has been proposed by the European Commission to effect from January

The Commission also says that trade in live animals and fresh mest containing more than a certain quantity of hor-mone residues should be pro-

asked for a proposals on these lines last month in response to a public outery in Italy, France and Belgium over the alleged health hazards, including a bigher risk of cancer, associated with the use of sex hormones

to "latten animals perore slaughter."
Rules, often strict ones, exist in all EEC countries on the use or hormones in mear production, but they are enforced with varying degrees of thoroughness and in some cases scarcely at all. Some countries also draw a distinction between natural and artificial

Under the Commission's proposal, member states would have to ensure that animals or meat treated illegaly with hormones were confiscated and destroyed and those responsible punished The only exception to the bawould be the use of natural

### From Our Own Correspondent to fatten animals before

A ban on the use of all hor-

hibited.

EEC ministers of agriculture

hormonal substances for there-peutic purposes in strictly con-trolled conditions.

### France joins Soviet space mission

Official killed hours after

new anti-terrorism law

### Trailblazer to next Halley's comet

l on

iddler

In 1066 or thereabouts Harold Godwinson was warned by the astrologers that there were hard times ahead. They had seen a

Tanestry as part of the history of the Norman Conquest. Astronomers have since identified the bright light as being what is now known as Halley's Comer, which is next due to make its

liberties in cases involving people suspected of being

two thirds majority required for such a measure, the social-

ists and communists voting with

leg the government benches.

But only a few hours

San Sebastian.

The vote was well beyond the

renewed. It was egreed today that the Soviet Union would provide the launcher for a joint probe to investigate the famous heavenly body when it next

bright light in the sky and that, they told him meant things could only change for the worse.

As Harold found to his cost, the astrologers were right and the astrologers were right and the sky was something to the sky was sky was something to the sky was something to the sky was something to the sky was shown to the sky was shown to the sky was sky was shown to the about 139 years before it became the retirement home of a Corsican who failed to do what William the Conqueror had

done. In all events the Francoregular 75-yearly appearance shout the comiet will be sometime french interest in Halley's Comet, which was named after in space.

priate planet for romantic France to investigate; and the econd to fly through the centre of the comet sometime in Feb-

ruary 1986.
The balloons above Venus are to study the atmosphere of the planet. The Halley probe is to try to find out more about the mystery of this phenomenum. The cost to France of joining in the experiment will be 150m

francs (£15m).

Details of the project have been worked out over the past 10 days at the Soviet space capital of Bakou in Azerbaidin. The space partnership between the two countries is already well advanced with the Soviet agreement to take a French cosmonaut into space to work on a salyut space station.

### French MPs in protest over

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 30

The Spanish parliament passed a new anti-terrorism law last night empowering the security authorities to suspend similars. 298 for the new law against two, with eight abstentions—from the Basques. The left-wing parties expressed discomfort at voting the law but said the con-tinuing wave of terrorism in the Basque country made it un-avoidable.

But only a few hours later terrorists struck again in the Basque country assassinating a second official of Spain's telerequired for an extra seven days, depending on a magis-trate's decision, beyond the 72

### death penalty

Deputies opposed to the death penalty rejected the Justice Ministry Budget in the National Assembly. But the vote was token and there is no likelihood of the ministry failing to receive its funds, which include money

its funds, which include money to maintain the guillotine.

M Philippe Maurice was sentenced to death on Tuesdey for the murder of a policeman.

M Alain Peyrefitte, the justice Minister said it was not the time, "when policemen are being shot every day just as rabbits", to propose abolition of the death penalty.

A policeman was seriously A policeman was seriously wounded last night and in a an Sebastian.

hours maximum under the bank raid in Lyons yesterday a similar killing, in Guipua- constitution.

security guard was killed.

### Security meeting mood changes

lege 1 From Harry Debellus s from Madrid, Oct 30 adrid, Oct 30 Mr Michael Robinson, a Western diplomats noted "an British spokesman, said: "Dur-

minal important change of atmoing the second intervention of
items sphere here today at the prethe Soviet ambassador, various
paratory talks for the Confergradations of mist and for paratory talks for the Confer-ence on Security and Coopera-ion in Europe. gradations of mist and fog began to shroud the position of the USSR. We shall seek to r majo ence on Security the r ion in Europe.

com ation, said a recommendation anxious to move. Up to now we Mr Yuri Dubinin, the head the Soviet position has been by Mr Yuri Dubinin, the head the Soviet position has been spoiled if the Soviet delegation, that like some chemical substance to the lelegates of the 35 nations which, when exposed to the air, of he rouled should get on with gives off a cloud which hides having up an agenda for the its real shape."

Indian summer weather in a lar onference—which is to begin. Indian summer weather in the standard probable had as much party brawing up an agenda for the its real shape."

In a lar onference—which is to begin Indian summer weather in a Madrid on November 11— Madrid probably had as much to do with provoking the shower of metaphors as the fact that yesterday's sessions were suspended because no delgate sult of what a spokesman for the Soviet delegation called "an insariye towards understanding."

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Id mar Mr John Treacy, a spokes clear the fog . . . to clarify papers nan for the United States dele- whether the Soviets are really

rinarive towards understanding
Time was the real issue. The
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tion of time, after two months of disagreement and with 12

days to go.

The East European countries remained in favour of strictly limiting the time available to discuss the implementation of the Helsinki agreement of 1975 and to bring up new pro-posals. The West, continued to press for ample time for discussion and proposals. The Soviet Union would like

to put the emphasis on dis-armament, limiting the atten-tion which could be given to issues as Afghanistan and the treatment of dissidents in the Soviet Union. Western strategy appears to be directed towards focusing world opinion on Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and to the extent to which the signatories of the Helsinki agreement have lived up to their promises to respect

### for internal alliance

Polish party

plans.

Warsaw, Oct 30 On the face of it, the Polish leaders' visit to Moscow does not strike as a last-minute panic decision. It seems more likely that they wished to discuss and explain and probably argue their case as they embark on what is a decisive stage at

which the party and the unions will have to strike an under-The authorities need cooperation which they were clearly not geting unil now. They also need to establish the minimum of trust which has been lacking and is still lacking.

Yesterday's announcement by the Politburo was in fact an appeal for trust as well as a pledge that the Gdansk agreements will be implemented as well as an order to all regional party organizations to speed up

the process.

The Polithuro proposed practical measures in the form of a permanent commission, presum-ably of government and union representatives to be set up rather than to be assembled ad hoc to settle conflicts.

There is little room for manoeuvre for both the authori.

to he British Astronomer Royal the first to launch French from 1720-1742, is now to be balloons over Venus—an appro-A commentator said: "Polish-Soviet cooperation is a determining factor for the settlement of Poland's current problems". This is staring the obvious, but in a situation where the authorities are deadly misseased and so are settlement.

deeply mistrusted and connot even put the message across that the country is in grave economic difficulties, it becomes necessary to make the obvious point. Another Polish commentator wrote that Poland needed Soviet cooperation today more than ever before.

The union leaders who are due to begin talks with Mr Jozef Pinkowski, the Prime Minister, tomorrow have mixed feelings about the Moscow visit but on the whole most of them feel that it was necessary. Mr Stanislaw Kania, the party leader, had to win support for the Polish stance of accepting independent unions

accepting independent unions as a partner in Poland's newlyemerging internal alliance.
The Czechs and the East Germans are clearly of different minds and yesterday the head of Czechoslovakia's trade unions expressed "full coufidence" that in Poland the trade union movement units "follow the movement would "follow the Leninist path".

Leninist path."

The Poles are extremely sensitive to frequent speculation in Western media, which is then played back over various Western radio stations, about the possibility of Soviet interference and the likelihood of Soviet invasion. A high-ranking official of the Polish Foreign Ministry has said that this might increase hostility towards the Soviet Union which makes such speculation extremely dangerous lation extremely dangerous
But at the same time the
Polish authorities profess to
be satisfied with the Western official attitude on the whole.
The visit of Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary,
demonstrates Poland's interest in maintaining good relations with the West and in particular with Britain, although Britair is only fourth on Poland's list

of foreign trade. British viewpoint: Poland's nesting is a matter for the Poles alone to decide, Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secre-tary, strongly emphasized on the second day of his visit to Warsaw. In a statement to the press the said the British Government's position was un-ambiguous, namely that what happens in Poland is a matter for the Polish people,

He expressed the hope that

other zovernments would take the same view, stressing Britain's general view that a prosperous and peaceful Poland was in the interests of the

curpose of his visit was to build on the close ties of friendship which united the tun countries from the time of

### Gunmen menace polling stations as Jamaicans cast their votes

The Spruce Goose, the giant flying boat built by Howard Hughes, being manocavred by

tugboats across the harbour at Long Beach, California, where it will go on permanent display.

From Michael Leapman
Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 30
Guns were still playing a role
in the Jamaican election as voting took place today. Mr
Michael Manley, the Prima
Minister, told a press conference that in a few of the
6,400 polling statious, armed
men had tried to take over
from the appointed electoral
officers or had been demanding
to see how people voted.
Other places have been
affected by absent election
officers and a shortage of ballot
boxes. But he said he was

boxes. But he said he was satisfied that in most places the A tour of polling stations

round Kingston seemed to confirm this. Voting was orderly and cheerful, if slow. One excention was a station near the city centre on the border of areas controlled by the Peoples' National Party (PNP) and the Jamaica Labour

There, snipers fired at each other and at about 50 policemen md soldiers in armoured cars, keeping the two sides apart at a crossroads. Tempers ran high as the police tried to end the confrontation by controlling the

Continued from page 1

there are few incentives to cut

waste.
The concentration of people

in industrial centres has made: proper distribution vital, and here the Russians have lagged

behind badly. Packaging of fruit and vegetables is primi-

tive. Sometimes farmers cannot

even get nails to put together

even get nails to put together packing cases.

The Soviet rail network is overloaded. Ripe produce waits at stations for transport, and food wagons can be delayed for days in sidings. There are virtually no refrigerated rail cars or lorries, and inadequate cold storage centres. Air transport is prohibitively expensive, and the rural road network often aposts in mud.

Poor supplies are also the result of administrative-measures. Khrushchev's tough

measures. Amusicaevs roughrestrictions on peasants privateplots did untold damage tomarket gardening from which
the country is still recovering.
Russians depend on the private
peasant markets for products

that cannot be economically grown on huge state farms.

Though the policy is now to give vigorous encouragement to these small plots, many old people fear new restrictions and hesitate to increase their

output, while young people now,

Authorities in Luanda say

12 long-range fishery protection

Government refused to allow companies to tender for the

neither confirmed nor denied

this will not mean much change

in its predominant reliance on

the Soviet Union as an arms

supplier. The French decision

follows persistent warnings from Mr Luis de Almeida, the

Angolan ambassador in Paris,

that France could not make

more economic progress with Angola so long as the arms

embargo continued.
The Angolans also believe that France is concerned over South African attacks on

Angola, aimed at preventing infiltration by Namibian (South-

anti-aircraft missiles from the Soviet Union, which, the Ango-

lans say, may be accompanied by Soviet operators, who would

West African) guerrillas. Angola's response to the attacks has been to order usw

join Cuban troops

According to Angolan sources

Luanda claims

Paris arms ban

has been lifted

By Our Foreign Staff

worse by bad weather

supporters of the two parties woted separately. Both leaders have now are going to have a problem trying to put Hampty Dumpty together again, he said. Seaga, leader of the JLP, said killed in acts of political violence might take the law into their own hands if they thought the result, had been rigged by Mr Michael Manley's have been fixed upon as they campaigned. Seaga, leader of the JLP, said the people might take the law-into their own hands if they thought the result, had been rigged by Mr Michael Manley's party.

"In the past we have occupied the streets, locked the shops and called on the people to close down the country", he

Today Mr Manley, as he cast his vote near his official residence, said that Mr Seaga was seeking at alibi for defeat.

There is no doubt that the JLP have psyched themselves up into an ugly mood. At his press conference, he accused Mr Seage of "behaving in a very dishonourable and anti-democratic manner ", by complaining about election pro-cedures in whose framing both

parties had cooperated.

whether, if they lose, they have other things in mind."

"We have to be worried year's Zimbabws elections whether, if they lose, they have other things in mind."

"Mentey said he had a visible only under a special high intensity light. There is one the violence which had marred at each of the 5,400 polling this election and the unfavourflow of voters to ensure that this election and the unfavour-

prosperity. In the movinces many towns have not seen meat

for months on end.

The search for food has be-

### Soviet food shortage made Mr Ecevit quits his post as

miper The impresonation of voters and multiple spring are traditional at James enumeration procedure, in which all 990,000 voters have been issued with polling cards, is essigned to cut this art

have little interest in spending their evenings gardening.

In addition, recent attempts to stamp our corruption and burgeoning private enterprise in one of the main iruit gabeing republics. Georgia, have sharply cut back the supplies brought to the matkets of nor their Russia From Our Correspondent
Ankara Oct 39
Mr Bulent Bress, the leader of the opposition in Turkey before the military takeover in September, today amounted that he had resigned as charman of the Republican People's Path.

brought to the markets of nor-thern Russia

Poor weather has recently
played an important part.
Herds had to be slaughtered
after the disagnous 1375 harvest and have taken years to
rebuild. The lack of meat is
especially galling to Russians,
who tend to repard it as a yardstick to measure their own
prescents. In the provinces Publication of the statement issued by Mr Escrit was banned by the ruling National Security Council, which said that Mr Escrit, a former Prime Minister, attempted to inform public opinion of his resignation by a political statement. Such statements had been forbidden since just after the

Mr Ecevit said that he considered his resignation from the post he has occupied since 1972 to be "file-right thing to do ... now, as it has become clear that it was going to be compulsory for me to leave this position.

come so obsessive that the Government "se using the promise of adequate supplies as an effective incentive. Fintories short of labour promise. tories short of labour promise better canteen food.

The party with its priviledged access to regular supplies in special shops is well-aware of the growing popular discontent. The dangerous example of Poland clearly prompted the Polaburo. Traditionally preoccupied with defence and heavy industry, to make food a declared national priority. position."

Bight killed: Tokish security forces killed eight leftist gunderen in a clash in the astern region, the worst shooting incident reported since in coup, military ifficials reported.

The incident took place at a village near the town of Mardin close to the Syrian frontier in a mainly Kurdish region.—Reuter.

the President when he spol on the State House lawn thousands of supporters of the ruling United National Indepe deace Party who had march through the streets of the car tal to pledge their loyal Demonstrations were also he in other towns. Dr Kannda added several er bellishments to the story of el coup plot which he had or lined at his press conferen

From Eric Marsden Lusaka, Oct 30

President Kaunda has realled Chief Justice Ann Silvingwe to Zambia from Lo

don, where he was studying for

a PhD, to preside over triels

the men accused of pioning comp against the Governmer The Chief Justice arrived hon

The disclosure was made

Zambia calles in post indge home to head cour plot trial

on Monday. On Monday.

He claimed that leaders the armed gang, who we monly from Zaire, had originally sought Zambian support overthrow President Mobile Mobile Company of the Company

when this was refused the gas was approached by Zambi dissidents who wanted the to fight us, hoping a new garment would help them toppie Mobuth.

He said the group of Chilar He said the group at Chilan had taken over a farm whi had previously been used Zapir lighters from Zimbaby The group was made up of "I tween-70 and 200-Zaireaus a Zambian dissidents". So far half been custured. (The figure gave on Monday was 40.)

The President repeated affegation that South Africa allegation that South Africa vinvolved in the plot. If I coup had succeeded Sou Abrica would have moved saying it had been invited the new government. He instated that the Sou African forces based in Caprivi Strip near Sesheke I sought talks with the comm der of the Zambian trottinge, and threatened to me

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But the JLP have claimed to have uncovered a PNP glan for bogus voting on a massive even Britain. " which colon ns and took away our copp Britain contributed to making the election; fair by giving £600 worth of mechines like those used successfully in this

ms and took away our copper would soon have three mill themployed, which was half Zambia's population. "At le we have land," he said, callon all Zambians to start gring maire in their pringardens.

The demonstration by the saids of students and pamilliants held up traffic Litsaka's main streets. I marchers, who chanted "Hithe plotters", commandeer rides on lorders, wans and private cars.

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hanged or shot in public Near State House jumped from the taxi. A m cycle policemen prevente from following them to gates. He ordered the dr to do a U-turn and go of the first side road, to being stoned by the main of demonstrators.

Peacock defe in party pol Canberra, Oct 30/ Andrew Peacock, the Austri Foreign Minister, otto

as a future Prime Minifailed in an ettempt to the deputy leadership of ruling Liberal Party today Mr Phillip Lynch, the ister for Industry and merce, defeated him by 12 at a party meeting in berra. Mr Malcolm Fraser Prime Minister, was reel

### British companies are mentioned in Nigerian corruption allegations

France has lifted its embargo on arms exports to Angola. Angola is interested in buying factional struggle in Nigeria that has so far resulted in the Earlier this year the French resignation of Mr Paul Unongo as Minister for Mines and Power over accusations of contract, but Luanda seems to believe that the restriction has now been lifted, though this is

In the latest move the Government of Mr Alhaji Shehu Shagari has denied on television accusations made in an anonymous letter purporting to originate from a source in the Nigerian High Commission in London. The letter, sent some three

months ago to the opposition newspaper, Nigerian Tribune, as well as to the president's office, alleged that Mr. Unongo while Minister for Special Duties (with specific charge of steel development) had received the sums of £25,000 and £10,000 in his wife's name from a British

the London branch of the new guised attack on the northern beneficiary of the of the northern based Resident Shagari by the Chief Awolowo saw him company had given Mr Unongo Party, led by Chief Obefemi wrath upon him.

From Karan Thapar

Lagos, Oct 30

British corporations have been mentioned in bribery allegations which are part of a factional groupele in Nigoria Shapar's Cabiner tution by the Electoral carly this wast as Minister for a mission of the carly this wast as Minister for a mission.

early this year as Minister for mission Special Duries after consider Had able initial difficulty in securing ston ch Senate radificulty in securing sion chosen to have a resolution was at the centre of attempts to after or diversity an agreement with the Santa ugreement with the Soviet Union to build a \$2,500m steel production plant at Ajeokuta.

against him.
The Government in its recent

denials of wrongdoing by Mr 1979. Chief Awolowo's Unongo counter charged that ness continued and will frustrated, disappointed and inforced when the Presentation it received in the Migerian People's Party, opposition press in Nigeria. By this, the Government means the opposition Unity Party.

Underlying the events and the manner in which the press

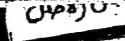
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The money, it was claimed, Barclays Bank International at Campaign against Mr Unongo Portland Square, London, and Portland Square, London, and Campaign against Mr Unongo was conducted, is a thinly discontinuous conducted, is a thinly discontinuous conducted.

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a Benue who was then tary of the Nigerian P Party. As Mr Unongo



osed to a quick solution of American hostages crisis cked a key parliamentary sion today by boycotting debate and depriving it of

he public session, which been expected to announce is definitive conditions for soe the chamber instead of ing their seats. Forty min-grafter the debate was due start 162 MPs—18 short of accorded as sem. The proceedings were ed off.

he hostage debate began Sunday, but went into site session to hear pro-its drafted by a special mission appointed on

Hassan Ayat, a central climember of the Islamic chican Party, which are to support a resolution the hostage crisis, said would have been a Inot been away at the leftonts in the war with the predicted that the site 150 deputies would present at next Sunday's

piatolesiam Hashemi Raf-mi, the Speaker, told-trers that anti-American ngs were running high an Iraqi missile attack on wever, a motion to have lebate postponed until the and subsided or until after United States elections,

day's events underlined the edictable nature of the internal developments in Iran.-

On the other hand, they also indicated that most Majks members were in favour of a quick decision on what Iran should demand in return for the free-

the public session, which is been expected to announce in definitive conditions for sing the 52 captives, broke in confusion. The debate is rescheduled for Sunday. The said some member arrived at the parliament tills, building but loitered side the chamber instead of ing their seats. Forty mingater the debate was due that seats. Forty mingater the debate was due that the proposed to be at most an extended version of the four laid down hast most after the debate was due that the proposed to be at most an extended version of the four laid down hast most after the debate was due that the proposed form the hostages. assets, dropped legal raman assets, dropped legal claims against the assets, and pro-mised not to interfere in Iran's domestic affairs.

In another matter, eight people, including two women, were executed in Tehran early today on charges of drug-dealing prison officials said. A spokesman said they were all thembers of a herom-distribu-

tion ring: The offenders were shot on the orders of Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali, who has been head-ing an anti-drugs force since May.

Cancer denial: Officials in Washington said they were worried that remarks attributed to a White House aide claiming that Avasollah Khomeini had terminal cancer could prompt an "apoplectic" reaction and an apoptectic reaction and set back prospects for the release of the hostages. The White House issued a statement saying the aide was not a spokesman for the administra-tion on Iran, that it had no information that Ayarollah Khomeini was terminally ill and that it did not comment on that it did not comment on

in the course of this in-terminable presidential election campaign, Mr Carrer and Mr. Reagan have made many promises, have answered in-numerable questions and have numerable questions and have taken positions on an immense variety of issues. Only two or three groups of subjects have proved crucial, however, and the election will be decided by people's feelings about them, and by their judgment on the character of the two candidates.

President Carter wants people to think first of all about questions of war and peace. In the debate on Tuesday night, he said: "Inflation, unemployment, the cities—all very important issues, but they pale into insignificance in the life and duties of a President when

into insignificance in the life and duties of a President when compared with the control of nuclear weapons. Here is an important difference in policy between the two candidates. When he became President in 1977, Mr Carter believed (rather as Mr Reagan does now) that he could do

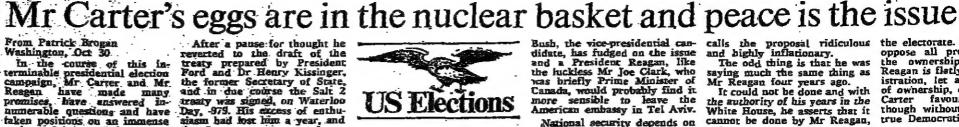
does now) that he could do better than his predecessor and

therefore proposed to the Russians a substantial cut in their nuclear amoury. They rejected the idea.

treaty was signed, on Waterloo
Day, 979. His excess of enthusiasm had lost him a year, and
the Senate was not ready to
ratify it when the Soviet Union
invaded Afghanistan in December and Mr Carter suspended He now proposes to try again. after the election. Mr Reagan is flatly opposed to the treaty is flarly opposed to the really as it stands. He wants a reduction in nuclear arms by both sides or, failing that, wants the United States to expand its forces greatly before any further arms limitation treaty is concluded. He thinks that the threat to resume the arms race would lead the Soviet Union to

modify its policies.

The polls suggest that the peace agreement and the subsequent peace treaty between Israel and electorate believes that Mr Reagan would be tougher with the Russians in a confrontation, and the corollary is that it Igrael, although Mr Reagan believes that Mr Carter would act with greater restraint. We will discover next week which grantee oil supplies. After the American public prefers. Mr Reagan says: "I will recognize Jerusalem as the think it's time we told the



After all the promises of an interminable campaign, only some of the subjects remain crucial

they like us or not. We intend to be respected throughout the world."

Mr Carter has stated that the United States will keep the Straits of Hormus open, come what may, and has started to assemble an army and has already assembled a dayy to do so. However, he crinicizes Mr Reagan for being ready to "inject force" into diplomacy, and prides himself on his diplomatic exhievaments.

matic achievements.

The most notable of those was the Camp David peace agreement and the subsequent

Bush, the vice-presidential candidate, has fudged on the issue and a President Reagan, like the luckless Mr Joe Clark, who was briefly Prime Minister of Canada, would probably find it more sensible to leave the American embassy in Tel Aviv.

National security depends on military strength, and both candidates promise to increase the strength of the armed forces. Mr Reagan is against conscription, and the registra-tion of young men that Mr Carter introduced last spring, and supports large pay increases for military personnel.

He also supports a vast expansion of the American arsenal.

The second class of issues which may decide the election is the economy. Mr Reagan supports what is now known as the Reagan-Kemp-Roth tax cut bill, even though he has much softened his enthusiasm for that measure under the influence of his economic advisers. He wants to cut taxes by a third over the next three years, while increasing defence spending substan-tially, and balancing the budget. He claims that this can be

done by cutting waste from federal spending. Mr Carter

saying much the same thing as Mr Reagan four years ago. It could not be done and with the authority of his years in the White House, he asserts that it cannot be done by Mr Reagan,

One policy of which Carter is proudest is energy. He succeeded, after three years' effort, in pushing a series of measures through Congress, of which the most important were deregulating the price of oil and taxing increased oil profits. As a result, oil production is now increasing in the United States.

Mr Reagan admirs this Mr Reagan admits this but would try to repeal the windfall profits tax and "let the energy industry loose" to solve America's energy problems. He wants more nuclear energy and less federal regulation that limits the exploration for offshore oil and the development of coal

Mr Carter used to be opposed to nuclear power, but has now changed his views and there is really not much to chose between the two.

There are numbers of issues

that are of great importance to some large minorities among

the electorate. Thus westerners oppose all proposals to limit the ownership of guns. Mr Reagan is flatly opposed to registration, let alone prohibition of ownership, of handguns. Mr Carter favours registration, though without the fervour of

A more widespread and in portant issue is abortion. Mr Reagan (who signed into law a · liberal abortion statute in a interial approval and a constitution that would prohibit all abortions save those needed to save the woman's life. Mr Carter is against the amendment, and be is also against federal funding for abortions. (So, of course, is Mr Reagan.)

Mr Carter supports the Equal Rights Amendments, which would prohibit discrimination against women, and Mr Reagan opposes it. Mr Carter is a strong environmentalist and worked for laws protecting wilderness in various countries, notably Alaska and the West. Mr Reagan, though nor the out and out advocate for unlimited economic development of th remaining wilderness that his enemies portray him as, considers that the environmental movement has gone too far.

### eansing power of guns ed amid Beirut decay

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bas reacted sharply to a from President Carter to

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United States should not saudi Arzbia's friendship

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neighbourhood, the piles of un-collected garbage beside the road, the dirty little shops and

the buildings cratered and scarred by machine gun fire. The good cirizens of Ein Rummanch swept the debris off their balconies and reopened their shops this morning with the fatigue of people who had been "liberated" several times already in the past five years and would probably be "libera-ted" again quite soon.

Mr Gemayel took it all seriously enough He stood on the tailboard of a camouflaged land royer, raising his voice to A hats perched on some condemned the gunnen who a heads, M16 rifles hang- controlled Ein Rummaneh until with insouciance over his own men won their little

victory yesterday afternoon.
The subject of Mr Gemayel's distaste was Mr Elias Hannoush, whose own gunmen, loyal to Mr Chamoua's National Liberal Party, had been finally the seed in vertarder's Schrift trounced in yesterday's fighting and had clanked off to take and had clanked off to take refuge in West Beirut under Syrian army protection. They left four dead behind.

The "cleansing," of Ein Rummaneh means that Mr Gemayel has, been able to extend his personal fiefdom a

little father south and east of the Muslim controlled disrict of West Beirut.

If Mr Gemayel ever took it into his head to surround the Leftis: and Palestinian armies in the city, then Ein Rummaneh would be an essential link in the chain around the enemies

From Peter Hazelburst

Five members of a radical

faction of Marxist Revolution-aries were beaten to death with

iron pipes in broad daylight on

a Tokyo street today in a clash between feuding factions of Japan's radical left-wing more-

Eyewitnesses said that five men, all members of the Kaku-maru-Ha (the Revolutionary Marxist Faction) were strolling

down a street in front of a library in Minamisenzoku dis-trict of Tokyo when they were arracked by a gang of eight radicals wearing white helmets

One witness said: "It was

and black masks:

Tokyo, Oct 30

Five Marxists clubbed to

death in Tokyo street

Abadan

of Khorramshahr, some 12 miles from Abadan. Tehran radio reported that

Iranian forces were ferociously resisting Iraqi attempts to send troops across the Karun river to tighten their siege of Abadan. The Iraqis earlier set up three pontoon bridges across the

The radio added that an Iraqi MiG fighter was shot down during a raid on the Iranian military base at Bushahe in the Gulf. Iraq reported that an Iranian Phantom jet was shot down in the southern

Reports on the battles further

Foreign Minister, arrived in Amman today on his way to Baghdad to continue his peace efforts on behalf of the Islamic Conference organization. He said he was still waiting for Iran's reply to his proposal of forming a commission of Islamic heads of state to mediate.

A man who claimed to be spokesman for the Chukaku-

Ha telephoned the Asalu Shim

bun later today and said the killings would continue until the Revolutionary Marxists

were destroyed.

A police officer said later today: "This might herald in a vicious spate of killings on the streets of Tokyo."

A man claiming to be a spokesman for the Chukaku-Ha

aid: "We are fighting Ameri-

can and Japanese imperialism but we must destroy enemies. within the left-wing movement All of the victims were students at Tokyo's Institute of

echnology.
The two feuding factions, as

well as Japan's infamous terrorist group, the so-called

### Iraqis mass for final assault on

From Tewfik Mishlawi

Beirut, Oct 30

Raqi forces are massing around Abadan in preparation for storming the oil city which has been encircled for more than three weeks, according to Iraqi raports from the battle-front today. The Iraqis already claim to be in complete control

Abadan was last night under "heavy artillery bombard-ment" which caused many civilian casualties. It said

defenders of the besieged rown of Ahvaz were deserting their posts and that the fighting was posts and that the fighting was not going well for the Iranians. A commentary on Adwar radio said. "It has been diseased that a group of army personnel are transferring themselves to other cities." Accusing these persons of "resorting to every trick to avoid confrontation with the enemy", it promised that once the "glorious victory" is achieved the Iranian nation "will deal with these cowards who encourage people to escape and themselves seek hiding places like jackals."

Mr Agha Shahi, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, arrived in

Face from the past: Mr Richard Nixon leaving a Washington court where he testified at the trial of former officials of the FBL

#### after press allegations From Our Correspondent Washington, Oct 30 Mr Richard Allen, Chief ad-

Reagan adviser resigns

viser on foreign policy to Mr Ronald Reagan, resigned the position this morning. A long article in the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday claimed that he had used his connexions on President Nixon's staff to en-

It also alleged that he had associated with a number of dis-reputable figures, including the alazar government and Mr

Robert Vesco.
In a statement, Mr Ed Meese, the campaign director, said: "Mr Allen said today that he ing days of the campaign to remove this matter as a possible issue in the campaign. Mr Allen continues to have the full confidence of Ronald Reagan One of his assistants insis-

ted this morning that Mr Allen jumped and was not pushed. He was top of the list of candidates for the job of national security adviser if Mr Reagan won the election. That is the job now held by Mr Zbigniew Brzeziaski. Dr Kissinger was one of his predecessors. Mr. Allen has not been accused of any serious improprieties. After leaving the White House stuff in 1972, he

was appointed a consultant and then started advising the Portu-guese government on how to handle adverse publicity about its colonial policies, including a massacre in Mozambique.

At the same time, he was paid a large retainer as consultant for Mr Robert Vesco, who had stolen several hundred million dollars from Investment Overseas Services. Post debate confusion Whatever

the opinion polls may say about the winner of Tuesday night's televised presidential debate, and they are confusing to put it mildly, both President Carter and Mr Ronald Reagan have set off on their final round of nonstop campaigning each delighted by his performance and each convinced that he was the victor (David Cross writes).

Surveys conducted by reputable polling organizations found that the outcome was evenly balanced.

The absence of a clear winner has made the final campaigning blitz by the two candidates more crucial than ever-or so their campaign organizers believe. Both are concentrating on the handful of large states which either of them could win. Mr Reagan began his final lap

to polling day next Tuesday in

### **Ex-CIA** man admits KGB work

Baltimore, Maryland, Oct 30.

A former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency believed to be the most important Soviet spy ever uncovered within United States Intelligence, pleaded with here restricted as a selling guilty here yesterday to selling American intelligence secrets to

the Soviet Union: David Barnett, aged 47, was accused of passing on to the Soviet secret police (KGB) United States intelligence on top-secret Soviet weaponry including surface-to-air missiles. destroyers and bombers, from October 1976. He admitted receiving \$92,600 (£36,200).
As part of a plea bargain with As part of a piea bargam wan federal prosecutors. Mr Barnett agreed to cooperate with the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in assessing the damage he had done to United States security, prosecutors

said:

Besides turning over to the KGB technical information procured by a United States covert operation — code-named "H2-Brink", Mr Barnett was accused of identifying 30 undercover CIA accuse.

CIA agents.

Mr Barnett was said to have passed on the information to KGB agents in Jakarta and Vienna after leaving the CIA in

During his CLA career, Mr Barnett was involved in clandes-tine intelligence operations de-signed to obtain information on the Soviet Union. He also did part-time consultancy jobs for Judge Frank Kaufman, of the United States District Court United States District Court now, rold Mr Barnett that des-pite his agreement to cooperate, he could still be sentenced to life imprisonment.—Reuter.

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Ben Bella freed

Algiers, Oct 30.—Mr Ahmed Ben Bella, a founder of inde-pendent Algeria and its first president, was today freed of all restrictions after a year of house arrest which followed his 15 year prison term.

### New Telecommunications Charges

Proposals to increase telephone charges which were announced on 31 July 1980 come into effect next

From 1 November rentals for business exchange lines go up to £16.75 a quarter and for domestic lines to £12.00 a quarter.

The maximum standard charge for installing a new domestic line will be £65.00 and £75.00 for a business line.

From 3 November the basic call unit will cost 4p and on inland Cheap Rate calls rather less time than hitherto will be allowed for each unit.

Increases are also being made to charges for connecting and renting other telephone, telex and datel apparatus and inland private circuits. Some of these increases have already come into effect.

The Cheap Rate period for international dialled calls will be extended by 2 hours and will now be from 8pm to 8am Monday to Friday and all weekend; intercontinental telex calls will be cheaper.

These are the main changes.

The minimum charge from a coinbox telephone will stay at 5p (including VAT).

Apart from the coinbox call charges, all prices exclude VAT which is added separately to your bill.

British Telecom regrets that it has been forced to put up prices, but points out to customers that it is only the second increase in its main charges since 1975. A leaflet giving fuller details will be enclosed with your next bill and additional copies will be available on request. If you want to know more now, just call the operator and ask for Freefone 2500 and we will be pleased to provide details.

### One witness said: "It was terrible. They behaved just like gangsters. They kept on beating their victims on their heads until they were dead. Then they fled in a white van". Later today the Chukaku-Ha (the Nucleus Faction, a rival group of left-wing radicals) in telephone calls to Japanese newspapers claimed that the five had been killed to avenge the murder of a left-wing leader four years ago. terrorist group, the so-called Red Army, are splinter groups which broke away from the left-wing National Federation of Students' Grganizations which was formed in 1960 to oppose Japan's security treaty with the United States. Since then, a bitter feud founded on obscure ideological differences has accounted for the deaths of 80 members of the radical left-wing camp. leader four years ago. Arab mayors barred from court

From Christopher Walker

Jerusalem, Oct 30
The complex legal bartle to prevent the banishment of two elected Palestinian mayors from their homes in the Israeli-occupied West Bank entered its final stage today with the start i Arabia recently signed of their second appeal before the [1],400m; deal with Israel's Supreme Court.

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against their exile. He explained that he did not want to subject the court to the

spectacle of two men who had been fasting for such a period. In recent days there have been reports that both mayors were becoming very weak At roday's hearing Mrs Felicia Langer, for the mayors, argued that their deportation under British-draft emergency regula-tions of 1945 contravened both Jordanian and international law.

to allow the two mayors to vocate who has recently attend the hearing, but Mr received a number of death threats from extreme right-wing like, rejected the plea because the men had only just ended a 10-day hunger strike in protest support her argument.

Sha claimed to have now average and the protest support her argument. support her argument.

She claimed to have new evidence to prove her case which

would considerably weaken the power of the Israeli military The Israeli Government prosecutor countered both arguments and submitted Supreme Court ruling of 1978 as a precedent to show that

deportation was legal.

The court then ruled that it would hear detailed arguments from both sides next week be-Mrs Langer, an outspoken ad- fore making a final ruling.

OVERSEAS.

### South Africa reveals proposals to alter apartheid extensively

Johannesburg, Oct 30 Dr Piet Koornhof, the Ministers of Cooperation and Devel-

opment, toda yintroduced three draft laws designed to remove "unnecessary and hurtful dis-crimination" and to reationalize black "influx control". Once enacted they will in-crease the mobility of blacks

living and working in the white area " of South Africa and make it easier for them to remain there. But it will become more difficult for blacks living in the homelands to move to urban areas.

At a press conference Dr Koornhof said an announcement was expected soon that the pass. or reference book carried by all Africans is to be abolished, to be replaced by an identity docu-ment which will be carried by all South Africans, regardless

He also said steps were being taken to eliminate dis-tinctions between black and

white labour.

The draft laws are the Local
Government Bill, the Co-operation and Development Amendment Bill and the Black
Community Development Bill.

Other proposals include the Other proposals include the scrapping of curtew laws, wherehy hlacks have to be out reasa.

repeal or amendment of at least 58 acts of parliament. Dr Koornhof said they reflected departmental thinking and had not yet been placed before the Cabinet He invised members of Cabinet. He invited members of

Government to "think anew and act anew". The Bills marked the start of "a process of normalizing race relations in South Africa".

The laws are based on recommendations made last year by the Rickert Commission on manpower utilization.

They are part of attempts to make apartheid more acceptable, internally and overseas. The process has become known neo-apartheid".

The influx control changes are designed to produce a more mobile black workforce to belp to accelerate economic expansion and to create a new block labour elite which, it is hoped, will have a vested interest in maintaining stability in white

areas.
The Black Community Development Bill will replace the Urban Areas Act, known as the Pass Law Act. It also scrops conditions under which blacks are permitted to live in town-

ships like Soweto. Under the new law a black who has a job and accommoda-tion will be legally entitled to remain in a white area. Dr. Koornhof estimated that this qualification would apply to about 95 per cent-of the eight million blacks living in white.

He said it was necessary to of white urban areas by a certain time and the repeal of maintain influx control mea-legislation on "idle or undesiration on "idle or undesiration on "idle or undesiration on "idle or undesiration or undesiration or undersitation or undersitat sures to deal with the urbanisa-tion expected in the next two decades. A measure of con-trol was necessary for stability and order.

A proposal to grant more powers to black community councils was designed, the min-ister said, to give them the the public to comment.

He said the proposed legislation was an attempt by the enjoyed.

same degree of municipal authority that white town councils same degree of municipal auth-

#### MP seeks end to Manila sex tours

### Flights to fleshpots shame Japanese

Tokyo, Oct 30
The Japanese always tend to work, play or travel in groups but Miss Takako Doi, a Socialist member of Parliament, believes the trait is taken too far when it comes to sex.

As a consequence, Miss Doi, aged 51, is waging a vigorous campaign to prevent the country's travel industry from pur-suing a thriving sideline known as the package sex tour.
An estimated 1,500,000 Jap-

anese men will travel in groups to Manila, South Korea and other poorer nations of South-east Asia on tours this year after paying a package price for their air fare, hotel room and the promise of sex.

In one case the newspapers recently reported that a travel agent flew a group of 200 men ner one night a screen was re-

moved to reveal 200 prostitutes.

This casts a great shame over the image of Japan. There is no other country where men travel abroad in organized groups to purchase women in groups ". Miss Doi told Parlia-

ment recently.

Mr Masayoshi Ito, the Forelgn Minister, agreed with Miss Doi. "If sex tours are taking place it is embarrassing to place it is embarrassing to a visit to a nightclub and a sex Japan. If groups are travelling show, "Japanese only " massage abroad on sex tours it will have parlours and brothels. The

But opponents of the sex tours are doubtful whether they can stamp the practice out.

"Japanese men have found out that proxitution abroad is who visit Manila are male and the state of Japanese tourists."

travel for sex into a huge industry", Mrs Keiko Watanabe of the Tokyo Chrisman Temperance

Association said.

Filipino officials estimate that more than 2,000 prostitutes in Manila are now employed directly or indirectly by Japan-

ese travel companies.

Ten "Japanese only" brothels have been set up in Manila to cater to groups of tourists from Tokyo. When entering these establishments the girls are forced to present their green health cards to guards and then join Japanese farmers, businessmen and factory work-ers in their rooms. On the way out they are searched.

In other capitals of south and north-east Asia travel agents bave been known to blatantly drive busloads of chattering girls to their clients' hotels.

Japanese male tourists go to Taiwan in large groups, in many cases to visit Pettou, a resort with Japanese botels and more than 300 licensed prostitutes. The political upheaval in South Korea has discouraged Japanese tourists from visiting Seoul and most of the all-male tour groups are flocking to Manila, Bangkok and Taiwan.

A night in Bangkok includés tourists are usually escorted from one fleshpot to another by

that prostitution abroad is who visit Manila are male and cheaper than at home. They the number of Japanese who cannot speak local languages travel to the Philippines has and are forced to travel on increased from 25,000 in 1972 group tours and this has turned to 250,000 last year.

### Unknown person blamed for Peking station blast

Peking, Oct 30.-The Chinese Liberation Army. Though the authorities said tonight that agency made no mention of sabotage, it is unlikely that such were injured in an explosion at top officials would have come were injured in an explosion at Peking's main railway station to the scene for a mere accilast night. Two of the injured dent. The report said the explosion occurred on an upper storey concourse in the main terminal building at the top of a bank of escalators. "The railway station was only lightly damaged and trains kept running as normal." were in a critical condition. The official New China news igency made no mention of the he word "bomb", but said that he explosion had been caused by an explosive charge cought into the railway station

y an unknown person. Security of the scene included Mr Zhao sangbi, the Public Security plinister, Mr Lin Hujia, the stayor of Peking. Mr Guo Seichen, the Minister of Railways, and Mr Qin Jiwei, the commander of the Peking milistry region of the People's ged and trains kept running as normal. Witnesses who visited the scene said the only remaining signs of the explosion were scratches on the ground and on a wall indicating that the explosion scattered metal fragments for a distance of several wards. Glass panes near by were undamaged.—Reuter and AP.

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### Mr Kim's appeal hearing preaks up in uproar

From Jacqueline Reditt

I martial law censors. As soon as the afternoon. The military court hearing of session opened, one of the defendents on trial shouring that

n by a lower of communist then started to sing the actions and him guilty of communist then started to sing the actions. Sellion in the southern town families joined in.]

Kwangju last May. His co- The panel of five military Tendants, tried on lesser rendants, are appealing against fondants had given up their son sentences of between two change to make a final state-

tences imposed by a different court on five men involved in aterial in brackets was deleted the Kwangju uprising.

peals by Mr Kim Dae Jung, dants ran up to the judge e South Korean dissident, and shouting that [the court had co-defendants broke up in brought in a communist spy as ans today with one of the a witness but had not allowed the defence lawyers to produce

e defendants were starting a their witnesses].

At this point the 24 defendants kim is appealing against dants tried to leave the court death sentence imposed on but were prevented from doing ivities and of instigating the anthem and members of their

judges announced that the dement and a court official later he martial law authorities said that at the next session ay confirmed the death sense sentences would be passed.





This queue began to form before dawn, hoping that meat will be delivered to the shop.

### Polish economy under the thumb of the railways

. The following is a shortened version of an

article written by a Polish journalist.

one to shrug my shoulders when the highest authorities assure me that our managerial control in Poland is really going to improve. In fact everyone involved knows full well that the whole economy is under the thumb of the nationalized railways.

It is simple : either the goods trains are there and production can proceed or they are not and there is no production. The realway has become a dicteror not only in the realm of trans-port but also in the technology of production and in the selection of raw materials for

The whole world has had to accept containerization and has gradually come to love it. But in Poland the containerized tonnage fell by 300.000 tonnes between 1970 and 1977 and that despite administrative pressure to the contrary.

Polish railways, which do not have to compete with road transport, forced customers to load their containers on to ordinary goods trucks. This required such an immense amount of lifting equipment at both ends that it was enough to put the industry off con-

As for pallets, the essential complement of the container, the exhortations of six commirrees for palletization and the modernization of goods handling all failed to make a jot of difference. The palletizaby 159,000 tonnes between 1975 and 1977. The only form of growth to be noted is the number of people laughing at the

There are indeed more and more reasons for laughter. Take the bricks for high-rise blocks in Warsaw. They are loaded by hand into the railway trucks. unloaded manually at Warsaw goods yards, loaded by hand on to pallets, which are then lifted on to lorries and finally lifted by a hoist to the eleventh or eighteenth level of the building under construction.

Why on earth must we have three manual operations in order to mechanize the last

The railways decided that they would provide trucks only for loads going further than 100 kilometres. Short-distance haws would have to be made by road transport (which is scarce).

So although I personally know of no construction plant without a suitable quarry with-in 50 kilometres, sources fur-ther afield must be used to qualify for rail transport. When we buy building plant with all the accompanying technology from abroad, how can we ex-plain to Western minds, ill trained in understanding in-dustrial absurdities and with no

Josef Kusmierek, before the recent troubles. It is taken from a special double issue of Survey' on Poland from Inside, containing writings published unofficially in recent years

rail to the Copper Basin-though in the Basin there are numerous quarries capable of producing building-sand and gravel? The Western block-head might doubt the profit-ability of such an arrangement.

ability of such an arrangement.

And so, to satisfy the 100-kilometre rule, sand from Paczkow is taken to Lublin, sand from Boleslawiec to Opole, to the Katowice Steel Works and to Belchatow. The same can happen with coal surplies. The railways decreed that each customer should provide his own unloading equipment. I myself begged the railway managements to appoint a single producer of the equipment so as to ensure servicing. But, as was predictable, we now have as many types of unloading equipment as there are design offices among the railway cusoffices among the railway customers.

Most firms adopted a crane equipped with a grab because it was the cheapest. Grabs proved to be a disaster for the railway rolling stock. In due course the railway management, in an act of self-defence, forbade the use of grabs, leaving and the course c ing only one course open: manual unloading. Except that there are no hands available.

Another devastating principle trial and commercial enterprise in the country is judged by its

financial turnover. So every enterprise tries to increase its transport costs: every kilometre/tome represents a clear gain in the books.

It is not good sense for official propaganda to go on and on praising the railwaysien for overfulfilling the plan and for achieving brilliant results when everyone knows that there is nothing brilliant about our railways. It does no good to show ways. It does no good to show on television a team of triumphant miners who are said to have produced millions more nave produced militions more rounes of coal than expected, when the peacants watching the screen are duable to get coal for love, money or bribes.

And the people who for the

last five years have been queue-ing for longer and longer in order to buy meat are not suamoured of the sight of heroic farmworkers who achieved sig-nificant overfulfilments of the

amoured of the sight of heroic farmworkers who achieved significant overfulfilments of the pig plan.

And what does official propagands have to say about the Lublin coalfield? Everyone knows that the construction of a new undertaking of that size, the largest in Europe this cantury, is of great and lasting importance for our economy.

Aimost all the coal from Lublin is destined for the Soviet Union and the insignificant remainder is to go to local cooperatives. Now everyone who

bothered to read what I have written knows that I have always supported the growth of our trade with the Soviet Union. But our buffoon propagands calls every export to Russia a gift," and the people, not surprisingly, call it a deportation." No export makes sense unless at least a part of the production is available for the home market.

Every political crisis has brought up the problem of our relations and trade links with the Soviet Union. The problem is both sensitive and inflammatory. It is not however, a sound

is both sensitive and inflammatory. It is not however, a sound idea to, reexamine our whole foreign trade, strategy only when the givencing tanks rumble and the bulkers are fired at the workers on the brink of a civil war.

I have witnessed as a journalist the five great political shocks of our time: September, 1948; October, 1955; March, 1968, and the invasion of Czechoslovakia; December, 1970 and June, 1976. I am absolutely, sure (and this is not a wild guess) that we are about to witness yet another grave shock. And this will, be the shock And this will be the most serious, because it will involve surmoil in the national



inkling of proper Marxist dia-lectics, that the gravel from Paczkow has to be carried by Mr Lech Walesa, Solidarity Union leader, meets workers at the Leniu shippard in Gdansk

### The modern French woman is chic and deadly

### Guns for the home, teargas for the street

Paris, Oct 30 The November edition of the woman's magazine Marie-France has just appeared in the kiosks. As always there is a section at the back devoted to all those things which women are sup-posed to know—like growing bonzai trees, embroidering bonzai trees, embroidering cushions, heating soups and

making up faces..... But in the same section this month appears a little article on buying guns and using tear-gas. With all the violence, rape and robbery going on, the article points out, women need to know about such things. discovered breal Therefore Marie-France read-shop one night.

ers are told that as long as they do not take it out in the street with them they can buy a defea-sive weapon and obtain a certificate to keep it and 50 bullers. But for street wear, the modern French woman is advised to buy tear gas aerosol and keep her finger on the button whenever she is in potentially dangerous

"Never threaten," the article the types of cases which are livises. "When you are almost everyday in France. attacked, take out the spray, squirt the gas at mose level at extreme, as when a father shot your attackers and avoid breath- and killed his son, who had ng it in yourself. The attacker feels the muscles of his thoracic cage contract, his eyes shut and he suffocates for a good twenty

This aggressive advice is supported by an inquiry showing that attacks on women in public have more than doubled since 1974, while a poll shows that 47 per cent of Parisians say that insecurity is the main problem with city life.

Self-defence is very fashionable in France at the moment and courts seem to give legal sanction to people who use violent methods to protect their person or property. Earlier this month, for example, a baker who shot and killed an Algerian boy, who was 13, was acquirted when the court heard he only fired his 22 rifle after he heard someone breaking into his shop.

In another typical case at the strength of the index of the idea of using it to kill.

France still has the death In another typical case at the csame court in Metz, a week later, a tobacconist was given a one year's suspended sentence for shooring a young man he discovered breaking into his

A cafe owner at Senlis released on bail last week after firing a shorgun at one of a group of young people who had refused to pay their bill. Police had hardly begun questioning him after the incident when local townspecials began organlocal townspeople began organ-izing a petition in his defence, demanding his release.

These are mercly a sample of Some of them are tragic in the gone downstairs one night to get a drink of water. Others seem almost funny-a man wounding a policeman who had called to investigate a suspicious noise which the man had

But all of them are President Giscard is himself symptomatic of the fact that a strongly opposed to the idea high proportion of the French population are firmly in favour of self-defence in an age when last year when he spoke to they believe the police force is

France still has the death penalty as the ultimate deter-rent. It has not been used for the past three years and Presi-dent Giscard d'Estaing has commuted the last four death sentences which had been The growing feeling of ing with judicial processes national insecurity, however, is rather than with processes

reflected in the fact that in the past three weeks three death sentences have been passed and the President who was an abolitionist when he came to office, knows it would

Although the guillotine has not been used recently, there is now strong pressure for that to change. The Government is aware of the need for tougher official action given the fact that since the last death sentence was carried out 43 people have been killed by ordinary citizens protecting their life or property.
President Giscard is himself

Legitimate defence, her said. was valid in certain specific cases, but it has always been used as an excuse. Justice which one carries out oneself is contrary to justice", he said. It was in part to overcome the French feeling of insecurity faced with the growing crime rate in the past ten years, for example, juvenile, delinquency has quadrupled-that the

government introduced its security and liberty. In Whether it will work remains to be seen, but its hard line provisions have so far not had any noticeable effect on soften-ing public feeling on the sub-

The recent bombing of the synagogue in Paris has been no more than one of the more spectaculas incidents of violent came to office, knows it would protest which have also become be politically unpopular if he an everyday fact of life in Paris' were to show elemency in these and, to a lesser extent, in the

Bombs against all kinds of targets go off or are defused on average twice a day in different parts of the country. In the past few months bazokkas, machine guns and time bombs have all It would be very wrong to

think that France was on the verge of violent anarchy. At the same time it is disconcerting to flick through a women's maga-zine and end-up with thoughts

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# Beverly Sills leaves a wealth of memories of these was won by New York's york stage Theater, surrounded by paper streamers, conferring and balknows, Beverly Sile State Theater and he facing Avery Fisher Hall, brought her edinging career to an end this week, twenty-fisher debut with the New York City Opera She had, just finished singing, to the plaza and the search field. Yet, amidet the search lights, the antiphonal trampets of a million dollar net profit time the last always used to close her. retirals, with her and his most as touching the showled and his most as touching his moment; more touching than the keys. It was a touching moment; more touching than the showled event that had preceded it, and it summed up the source of suffice, For what was present conditions.

softice. For what was presented onstage, in the second act set for \*Pledermaus\* (Sills's debut opera) was, for the most part, an array of show business folk only peripherally related to her long career. No opera selections were done, only propular and folk items.

Thus, Mary Martin in apricot and incongruously white heir, with "My Heart Belongs to Daddy", or the quintessential in the second acts and incongruously white heir, with "My Heart Belongs to Daddy", or the quintessential in the second with Sills's circly associated with Sills's City opera career were the eventions, second verse to "I Want What I Want provided a personal second verse to "I Want What I Want propular and folk items.

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though ranging operatically from Handel to Richard Strauss and Menotti, has bridged the gap between the warious musical cultures and has brought all of music under the one tent of her magnetic, outgoing personality. The parade of political figures, from the Mayor to Mrs Mondale and Mrs Lyndon Johnson only testified to this unification, at once so peculiarly American and distinct Johnson only testified to this unification, at once so peculiarly American and distinct from any similar event at the Other New York opera house. The audience, restricted perhaps because of the price of admission, seemed a bit reticent in their accolades—this was no opera buff's "mad night"—reserving their enthusiasms for the show business folk, and the big band in the tent afterward, a latter-day collection of Woody Herman's fundering Herd, with screaming trumpets and snarling

zetti queens, each distinct, each characterized; the insouciance of her Massenet Manon, swinging on a swing, with the half-fearful, half-breathlessly anticipatory sexuality of "Nous irons a Paris, tous les deux"; or the vocal echo of her Zerbinetta, in the dougring thickets of vocal echo of her Zerbinetta, in the daunting thickets of Strauss's first version of the big aria, tossing it off with a poise and a charm wholly in keeping with the role and the opera. There may be no business, like show business, but the programber the

#### Strangeways BBC 1

#### Joan Bakewell

What television has done for the public school, the hospital and the Navy, it is doing for Strangeways prison. The form-Strangeways prison. The formula is a proven winner. A timeserving and often prizewinning film crew simply moves in and 
keeps its cameras turning on 
every aspect of the human 
condition it finds within. All 
institutional life can thus be 
reduced neatly to a block of 
television or organizes. And. television programmes. And, like the institutions they portray, such theories have a certain, even attractive, predictability. The cast of characters splits easily across a dividing gulf: teachers/pupils, medical staff/patients and here prisoners/prison officers. One location, local conflict, social significance... the pattern will no doubt move on. How soon, I wonder, before we have the parish, the holiday camp, the Foreign Office?

By unhappy coincidence this series reaches the screen as the prison officers stand dead-locked with the Home Office locked with the Home Office about their working conditions. It is timely indeed for us to see how brutalizing their surroundings are. I hope that before the end we shall be brought to question the whole idea by which a society seeks to cure its deviants by purting view, unexplained, suppressed. Human contact, what there was of it, was aggressive and hostile, set on predictably argumentative lines. If the series succeeds it will prove very depressing indeed. Rex Bloomidea by which a society seeks to serve his time well. Ineir tirst days in the dream home are somewhat shadowed by their natural awe for the couple next door, and by the persistant invasions of the wife's clinging sister Gloria. The only other character is the wife's best friend, a gloomy and grumbling girl who works in a department store.

them for long periods of time into the sort of confined space that would drive even conven-tional and conforming spirits towards frantic and disturbed

This first episode had little talk-few conversations, the minimum of comment, hardly any speech at all, Its major and shocking impact was the physical size of the place, its echoing galleries and arching central dome flanked by tiny rooms. Rarely do the honours of a film go primarily to its sound recordist. But the reality of Strangeways was captured by Strangeways was captured by Michael Turner's skill inrecording boots on metal, clanging bells, tin food trays and the awful acoustics of a place unmellowed by curtains, capate softness of any kind. carpets, softness of any kind.

Of course the opening episode must necessarily be cur-sory, setting the stage for later-detailed observation. We saw the prisoners eager to be self-justifying, the board of visitors likewise. The governor, Norman Brown, practical, terse, is aware he is simply containing a problem that cannot always be contained. And the attempted suicide muffled from our view, unexplained, suppressed.

John Treleaven makes a Rodolfo masculine and sturdy

rather than subtle or graceful; clean, generous singing, aident too, but never poetic. Penelupe Mackay's Muserta had style

and spirit, and some gorgeous

are ingenious, attractive, and atmospheric; Jean-Claude Auv-

ray's staging mostly uses them well, but has its perversities; a production that has Rodolfo move upstairs away from Mimi,

as he sings amorously to her; hints at ignorance of the human

heart, and the foolish parade during Muserta's Waltz Song

overstates a point and damages tas do the "freezes") the scene's vivid reakism. Wednesday's per-

formance, in aid of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf,

was admirably conducted by James Lockbart, returning to

the company after nearly 20

years: at first he seemed to be pressing the opera forward with

a shade too much energy and jollity, but later he took ample

time where it was needed, and throughout the evening obtained

applying an ear obviously finely tuned to the expressive qualities

polished orchestral

Hubert Monloup's settings

beautifully done.

notes.

Coliseum

#### Stanley Sadie

As Misni's health, in Wednesday's revival of the ENO Bohème, went from bad to worse, so her singing went from good to better. Sally Burgess, singing the role for the first time, began by sounding rather heavy and unwieldy of voice, wanting in the refinement of line that "Michiamano Mimi" needs to make its full effect. And the soft, high notes eluded her, or at least their softness did.

But right from the beginning

But right from the beginning there was charm, musicianly phrasing, and happily expres-sive touches of portaments. In Act III there was real passion, real acting with her voice; and by the time she was approach-ing her deathbed she was truly moving—placing the voice perfeculy, yet never sacrificing the essential simplicity. The lower register sounded parti-cularly rich; the top improved in fineness and control in time to provide an affecting death

Finally it dawns that this is the awful truth: Leigh is only describing the cultural and emo-tional poverty to which many Dicks and Mandys are condemned, and the impotence of teachers like the man next door to alleviate it. The hysterical tantrums of awful Gloria, compulsive tea and toast gobbler, provide not only relief for her own spinsterish frustracions, but a little drama for such de-pressed lives. However Leigh arrives at it, through the technique of improvization and sub sequent distillation he has deve-loped since Bleak Moments, largely in his theatre work, he reaches the real pathos that lies behind the sort of low comedy dialogue you can hear any day in the launderette and supermarket.

Sir Henry at Rawlinson End is a rather less significant—and for all its efforts less comic contribution to the new British cinema. Based on characters and comic concepts by Vivian Stanshall, a fantasy on the fallen rural aristocracy of England, it is a rag-bag of comedy styles garnered from the Goons, the Alberts and Monty Pyrhon, as well as from Alice and Wode-bouse. It is a style if British zany fun that now tends to look rather dated; but every-thing is flung in with such abandon and so little discre-tion that it can hardly help but be funny sometimes. Sir Henry
—with his philosophy of "If I
had all the money I'd spent on
drink I'd spend ir on drink"
and his private PoW camp for
old time's sake—is played by
Trevor Howard, who is the pic-

ture's most consistent and reassuring merit. Diabolo Menthe is a quite appealing debut by a woman director, Diane Kurys, about a year in the school life of two teenage sisters, children of a broken marriage. School is shown in all its horrors (deten-tions and teachers who may be able picture, and confirms that
Leigh is a talent as creative and innovative as anybody currently working in films anywhere. It is the greatest possible fallacy to estimate the importance of a work on the size of the screen or the scope of the action.

David Robinson

#### La Bohème

As Miosi's bealth, in Wednes-

scene. Her reminiscence of "Che gelida manina" was

Mike Westbrook Round House Richard Williams With The Cortège, a suite in parts performed by an orchestra of 16 musicians, Mike Westbrook has vindicated

the decision be made a decade ago to abandon the jazz mainstream in favour of a series of involvements with the rock format, mixed-media events, cabaret and a pocket-sized brass band. The present work, which received its London première at the third night of the Camden Jazz Week on Wednesday, successfully assi-milates all his recent interests into a music of colour, substance and character.

Most of the sections include settings of poetry, sung by Kate Westbrook and Phil Minton. Each lyric is given in its language of origin, and each receives a custom-built arrangement slashed with the primary orchestral colours of which Mike Westbrook has always been fond.

Rimbaud's withering "Démo-cratie " is done as a bolero, confidently declaimed à la Lenya by Kate Westbrook; Hesse's "Böse Zeit." appears in a section titled "Berlin", with

of Puccini's tonal palette. an astringent little trio of bassoon, alto clarinet and cello interrupting Phil Minton, who by means of clever vocal distortions conveys the sound of a Munch scream; Lorca's Munch scream; Lorca Canción del Naranjo Seco has a fiercely passionate vocal duet and fruiry dissonances behind Makcolm Griffiths's

athletic trombone, which is also

urged on its way by ominously clanging guiter chords. The tension drops noticeably during "July '79" and the overlong "Enfance", and the amount of space allowed for instrumental improvisation is too generous for the players' abilities, but rising above the rest in imaginative scope are two sections in particular. One is "Knivshult", a lilting Swedish folk ballad sung by Kate Westbrook over a finely detailed background in which shivering harmonics played on guitar and cello discreetly set a disturbing tone; the other Lorca's "Cancion de Jinete", opens and closes with a chilling whispered chorus ("Cordoba drum tattoo and grieving cello memorably pierced by a celes-

tial trumpet choir.
Often sombre, almost always exhilarating. The Correge marks a moment of great distinction in Mike Westbrook's career. Careful editing should result in a remarkable record-

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions

#### Forthcoming events

### Offenbach triple bill

The Offenbach 1980 Committee presents its own centenary celebration with an evening of the tickets in December will be three of the composer's one-act £4.00 and £3.00—prices which operetras—Ba-ta-clan, The Song of Fortunio and Monsieur Colli-flahr's At Home—at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Sunday. The operetras will be given concert performances in English by members of Welsh National Opera, the first fully professional performances.

fully professional performances of the works in London this century.

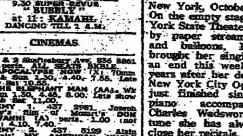
Welsh National Opera's new weish National Opera's new production of Handel's Rodelinda, which opens in January, will be directed by the Romanian-born Andrei Serban, who was the director of WNO's successful Eugene Openia carlier this year ford, Ontario, production of WNO's production of WNO's production of the London stage in the Strategies of the London stage in the London sta

The Citizen's Theatre Company

evening of choral and instru-mental music at Sadler's Wells Theatre on November 9. This will be the school's second visit to the theatre. The concert, to the theatre. The concert, which will include music by Bach, Haydn, Copland, Wolf-Ferrari and Weill, will be conducted by Jack Hindmarsh.

ford Ontario, production of Virginia by Edna O'Brien, from Virginia by Lona O Brien, from the lives and writings of Virginia and Leonard Woolf. Directed by Robin Phillips, Virginia will open at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, of January 29 for a limited set sol of 12 weeks. The rest of the cast is Nicholas Pennell and Patricia Conolly.

Martinu's second symphony. completed in 1943, receives itsfirst public performance in Britain on November 15, by the



On the empty stage of the New York State Theater, surrounded by paper streamers, conferriand buildons, Beverly Sills brought her singing career to an end this week, twenty-five years after her debut with the New York City Opera. She had just finished singing to the piano accompaniment of Charles Wadsworth, the folk time she has always used to close her recitals, with her arm laid gently on his shoulder and his mop head bowed over the keys. It was a touching moment: more touching than the showbiz event that had preceded it, and it summed up the direct personal appeal that is Bewerly Sills.

In its own way, the earlier gala likewise summed up Sills's career. For prices up to a thousand dollars a ticket one could buy into the event, which included a dinner, the gala and a reception in a huge tent. Some tickets were reserved for the regular opera-goers, and some were raffiled: there was

for the benefit (the dinner and reception being underwritten by the blue jeans company Murjani, and the gala by a patron), the memories had to suffice. For what was presented onstage, in the second act set for Fledermaus (Silk's debut opera) was, for the most part, an array of show business folk only peripherally related to her long career. No opera selections were done only popular and folk items.

Thus, Mary Martin in apricot

but I prefer to remember the art of it, as revealed in the voice and the presence of Beverley Sills.

Patrick J. Smith

Their first days in the dream

The life of the two homes is gradually revealed. The young husband's world revolves in the narrow circle of work, the telly

and the pub; the wife's takes in,

addition, the supermarket and the vacuum cleaner. They have

really nothing to talk about, so that their conversation, outside the marital bed, is mainly con-fined to grunting and snarling

and snapping at each other, arguments about nothing. Next door, if they have little more to talk about, and even less in

bed, at least they have their pretensions, their paper-backs and their knitting. At first it looks like black character comedy; then you grow uneasy; is there not something mispersional and projections.

anthropic and malicious about

the way these characters—the adenoidal slob glued to Grand-stand and his slutty wife—are

department store.

### Book review-

The History of Poland since 1863

Edited by R. F. Leslie.
(Cambridge £25)

Four surfaces divide between them the history of Poland since 1863, the year of the rising that Palmerston could do nothing to help and which, in a way, sent the young Joseph.
Courad into Russian exile with In a way, sent the young Joseph Courad into Russian exile with his father. R. F. Leslie, the editor, takes the story up to the First World War. He is a Marxist who signals his allegiance clearly enough for the reader to be put on his enauth. guard. He tries to cut Polish nationalism down to size. "A basic problem of Polish nationalism in the modern and contemporary spoth has been the conflict of distaste for the Russian state with consciousness of a common interest with the Russian people", he writes. By far the predominant interest shared by Poles with the Russian people is in the enfeeblement or, ideally, destruction of the Russian state.

Antony Polonsky-covers the period of Pilsudski and his system, from his emergence in the war as national leader at the expense of numerous competitors, in particular the National Democrats, the antisemitic, comparatively proRussian petty gentry who had been urbanized and turned into bureaucrats by nineteenth century economic prassures. Pilsudski really was the saviour of Poland in routing the Soviet of Poland in routing the Soviet invasion of 1920 (and not Weygand), as Norman Davies has shown in his splendid White Eagle, Red Star. His conflict with the ND (or Endeks) led to

endless trouble. Jun Ciechanowski, author of tine book on the Warsaw rising of August 1944, tells the story of war, occupation and the communist takeover, which the communist takeover, which was at any rate accelerated by the unrealistic inability of Poles in exile to let go of the largely non-Polish regions east of the Curzon line seized by Pilsudski in 1920. In these chapters the statistics, which elsewhere in the book can make artemion wander, are grimly memorable. At least six million Poles were killed, half or more of them Jewish; six million Germans fled or were expelled

from the new territories won in the west, up to the Oder-Neisse line; six million Poles flowed in to replace them.

Zbigniew Pelczynski covers Zbigniew Pelczynski covers
the sad, occasionally heartening,
occasionally even comical history of Poland since 1948, the
opening of the Cold War and
the programme of Stalinization
that ended with the death of
"the hero", as he puts it, "now
shown up [by the Twentieth
Congress of the CPSU] as a
bungler and murderer". It is
comic that the grisly opporcomic that the grisly oppor-turnst Bierut, chief instrument of the process, should have died of shock at the impiety of Khrushchev's revelutions. The parallel between Gomulka and Glerek is made clear: both came in on a wave of popular, patriotic enthus iasm; both came to grief on public discontent enflamed by

and the idiocies of central planning.
There are books that go deeper into recent Polish history (for instance, Adam Bromke's *Poland's Politics*) and Histories of parts of it (notably Hans Roos's of a few years ago and Richard Hotchkiss's recent Bitter Harvest) that are more straightforwardly readable but in its impersonal, slightly disjointed way this book is usefully

economic discress, itself caused by the imperial needs of Russia

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**SPECIAL** 

### Television bestows its gifts upon cinema

Grown Uns London Film Festival

Sir Henry at Rawlinson End (AA) Paris Pullman

Diabolo Menthe (AA) Minema, Knightsbridge

Last week's Variety reported that the current average cost of an American film is something upwards of \$10,000,000—approximately five times the figure for 1972—and that, to recover such an investment recover such an investment, a film must gross some \$40,000,000 at the box office. Since very few films outside the Star Wars class have any bope of achieving this sort of result, the American film industry seems—to the econo-mically unsophisticated mind to be approaching a situation that defeats any ordinary commercial logic.

These are economic circum-stances in which the British film industry has little chance of competing : but, historically, competition with the American film industry has never been a particularly sensible or happy road for the British cinema to pursue. In the past 12 months, in fact, the really interesting films that have been made in this country, and which have attracted some sort of attention and respect abroad, have not been the big old-style commer-cial movies on the lines of Saturn Three or Silver Detam Racer but pictures on terms extremely modest extremely modest raryly reaching pools, and dently produ

international British cipema have included The Tempest, Rude Boy, Radio On, The Great Rock and Roll Swindle Black Jack, Babylon and The Europeans.

(The Europeans is an odd case. Made by a long-established British company, Merchant-Ivery productions, the film has been strenuously disclaimed by the British film establishment, despite a fair international success, on the grounds that its director is American and it was shot in American locations. Ironically Merchant Ivory have now been obliged to register their latest film, adapted from Jean Rhys's Quartet and starring Alan Bates and Maggie Smith, as French, since an Anglo-French agreement does not permit an American to direct a co-production between the two countries.)

Black Jack, Babylon and The Europeans were all backed by the National Film Finance Corporation, whose own annual re-port, published this week, describes how the economic cir-cumstances have changed its function since the time, thirty years ago, when it enjoyed an annual subsidy of £41 million (worth perhaps ten times as much in today's terms) and could give substantial backing to 60 or more pictures:

"The sums that are and will be available to the Corporation for lending are limited. The Corporation cannot therefore presume to take on the responsibility of financing the British film industry. There is no pur-pose in the Corporation's oper-ating as yet another low-



The newly-weds next door: Philip Davis and Lesley Manville as Dick and Mandy in Grown Ups

financed film company; nor ture. Not one of them has would it be useful for it to found its finance from convento a larger number of films. Instead the Corporation has a crucial role to play in giving financial assistance to those films which seek a wide audience, but which the industry

considers too risky to support. "Film investment is too speculative for the Corporation to guarantee success but, to be of service to the British cinema, it must support those film-makers who seek not only to predict public taste but to create it."

The paradox in the current situation is, that with all the economic constraints, and with economic constraints, and with the old commercial establishment, at virtual standstill, British cinema is showing signs of more vitality than for years. Next week sees the commercial opening of one National Film Finance Corporation protégé, Babylon. Another. Bill Forsyth's Gregory's Girl, is showing in the coming London Film Festival, which includes no fewer than 17 brand-new British films. Some are only short subfilms. Some are only short subjects; some will undoubtedly turn out to be brave false starts; but enough remain. What is significant is that the whole lot of them, including some full-fledged commercial productions, have certainly cost considerably less than a continuous to be started to be a fast, of them move two newly-weds. In fact the action of Grown wareness and social involvement. Without any outstanding outside to two qualities in performance, script or considerably less than a continuous of them move two newly-weds. In the size of the screen wards towards new friendships, awareness and social involvement. Without any outstanding or conception, it is still skilfully one of them move two newly-weds, free and convincing exposition of the awards towards new friendships, awareness and social involvement. Without any outstanding or conception, it is still skilfully one of them move two newly-weds, free and convincing exposition of the awards towards new friendships, awareness and social involvement. Without any outstanding or conception, it is still skilfully one of them move two newly-weds, free and convincing exposition of the awards towards new friendships, awareness and social involvement.

make small token contributions tional commercial resources. Their funding has come from television, from private contributions or charitable resources, from the British Film Institute Production Fund, from the National Film Schol or from the NFFC itself.

Mike Leigh's Grown Ups, which was shown to the press this week, was produced by BBC Television. There is a constant dauger that the television work of people like -Leigh, Stephen Frears and Stephen Potter simply gets washed by in the great current of dross. It is important, in assessing the state of British cinema in the Eighties, to recognize them as individual works in their own right, and no less important than if they were made for theatrical release. Grown Ups is by any standards a remark-able picture, and confirms that

cost considerably less than a old secondary modern teachers single, average American pic- and his grey gym-mistress wife.

#### Hansel and Gretel The Other Place Stratford

#### Irving Wardle

"I have to eat children more and more, it's inflation", David Rudkin's witch, confesses shortly after chopping off Gretel's finger and bandeging the wound so as not to impair her productivity. From which you may glean that whatever this show has in view it is not the Christmas trade.

Something disrespectful is being said about our rulers, but just what it is I cannot discern from a fable that seems to apply equally to censorship, economic cuts, and maltreatment of the young, incriminat-ing the abandoned babes parents no less than the witch,

Significance apart, the story public school garden party that is imperfectly told. Put to gether from Grimm and the tale of the three little pigs, it is the reform of fairy tales. Elsefull of plot details that fail to where she appears as a dear

add up. Why, in spite of the tinger-chopping, does Gretel col-laborate with the enemy? Why does the children's father, last seen desperately scarching the forest, greet them with exas-peration when they finally come home? Mr Rudkin may be offering an equation be-tween family and state authority, but it would need a more coherent marrative than this to make his point. However, if straight thea-

trical vitality were all that counted there would be no com-plaints from me. In Ron plaints from me. In Ron Daniels's production the piece rattles along a roller-coaster track of horror, farce, anachronisms, groan puns, infant fart. it disturbs you, dear, kill it , remarks the witch when her daughter is bothered by a bird. Nothing loath, the ghoulish Olive blazes off with a cannon and brings down a shower of pigeons.

The occasion is an Edwardian public school garden party that the witch graces as a tirled lady



old grannie, a fond parent, and sorcerer's apprentice scene for as a swinging member of the the luckless Olive (Barbara local coven ("How do I look?") Kinghorn) and a microwave who has trouble getting her broomstick to start. It is a gift of a part for Brenda Bruce who dispatches it with zestful variety in an clongated nose.

finale ("Oven scene next: no messing"). Allan Hendrick and Janine Duvitski make two lub-bery babes in a hell's kitchen o an clongated nose. set by Chris Dyer; and the Other choice items include a whole thing is great fun.



of WNO's successful Eugene Onegin earlier this year. Before coming to Cardiff, he will be directing Meryl Streep in a new version of Alice in Wonderland on Broedway. He will be joined in Wales by the designer Michael Yeargan, who also designed Onegin. The cast of Rodelinda will include Suzanne Murphy and Eiddwen Harrhy, and the conductor will be Julian Smith.

from Glasgow will make its first visit to London when it appears at the Round House from December 3 to 13 in a new play by Robert David MacDonald, Don Juan. A previous attempt to bring the company to the Round House foundered because it wanted to charge the same low price for the extra subsidy could not be kovsky's fifth symphony.

Young Musicians' Symphony' Orchestra conducted by James Blair at St John's, Smith Square. Aaron Copland's eightieth birth-day, the previous day, is celebrated by the inclusion of his Clarinet Concerto, with Mark van de Wiel as soloist, and the seats as in its own theatre, but concert concludes with Tchai-

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MY AMERICAN UNCLE "The best film, from any source, this year" GUARDIAN The match, such as it was, was certainly an anti-climax after the pomp of a spectacular opening.

ceremony. There is always a record in Wightman Cip singles, a record ambience about the Albert Hall, with its circular, inward facing cliffs. Tiddleywinks would be dramatic in such an environmentally, she was in top gear. But it was never necessary to transform that attimde into tennis of a comparable quality. Miss Barret.

pomp of a spectacular opening ceremony. There is always a special ambience about the Albert Hall, with its circular, inward facing cliffs. Tiddleywinks would be dramatic in such an environment. The crew of court officials wore dinner jackets, a rather charming eccentricity that the Americans must have thought typically British.

The screen was always interesting, but

She was always interesting, but usually disappointing. Her performance was illuminated by flamboyant defective shotmaking, but these years for outseighed by

our mesa were tar ourweighed by errors—most cof them unforced and many of them huge. Midway through the second set she began rushing between her service points—always a sign that her spirits are drooning. In every way this was a bad start for Britain.

Celtic alone bear

the hopes

of Glasgow

Mrs Lloyd makes short work of

a flamboyantly defective Briton

The score was an accurate reflection of the difference in class between the players, though it has to be remembered that Miss Barker

only recently resumed competition and is short of matchplay: "For something like this you need to be match tight and I am not." she said later. Miss Barker said it was the first time she had been

third successive time. In tomorrow's quarter final match he will meet the American, Rill Scanlon. Two seeded Americans, Roscoe Tanner and Eliot Teltscher. were beaten today, but the second-seeded Jimmy Connors, of the United States, the third-seeded Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, the sixth-seeded John Sadri of the United States and his eighth-seeded comparriot Victor Amaya won through to the last eight, Scanlon achieved an upset victory by 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, over Teltscher, the No 5 seed, today. Connors, the runner-up here last year, easily beat his compatriot Vincent van Patten, 6-2, 6-1.

Comors will now meet another.

Borg struggles to overcome Teacher



Mrs Lloyd, making sure the United States got off on the

#### Masson wastes time with plea for leniency

Don Masson, captain of the econd division leaders Notts second division leaders Notts County, has been bauned for three games by the FA disciplinary committee. The former Secretish international middleid player, reached the 20 points mark as a result of being sent off in last month's league cup de against Queen's Park Rangers and two bookings. Masson, whose ban starts after Tuesday's Anglo-Secritish semi-final coming here has been a complete waste of time. Obviously the dis-ciplinary system this season is so cut and dried that it is pointless making a personal plea for

Today's fixtures Rick off 7.50 unloss stated, SECOND DIVISION: Cardiff City

Olympic Games

is to write to 66 national Olympic committees around the world demanding an explanation for thetir absence from this year's Olympic Games in Moscow. This

first step towards an investigation of the boycott was decided by the executive board of the IOC, meet-ing in Lausanne today for the first

time under its new president, Juan

Some national committees, like that of the United States, openly boycotted Moscow in response to

requests from their governments following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. "But that does not apply to all the countries which did not send athletes to Moscow," said Monique Berlioux, director of the IOC.

"Some of the 147 national committees had only recently been recognized. Others had been recognized for years, but has never sent athletes to the Games, because they are small countries and have no money."

The IOC may still impose sanc-

The IOC may still impose sanctions on some national committees which broke Olympic rules by yielding to political pressures. But there was no sign of action being taken against the United States Olympic Committee that would interfere with the steging of the

Kent claim bad

Kent will stage a cricket week at Folkestone next season even

Lord's after 40 wickets crashed for 362 runs in the match against Essex this summer.

ensure that the wicker will be up

to first-class standard, we have no

resitation in deciding to play there

Surrey are the visitors in a -championship match beginning on Saturday, August 22, and Somerset

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(as usual next season."

\*Badminton

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sought follow with a fixture starting on y the August 26. In between, Kent and nent c Surrey clash in the John Player preted League.

Britons advance.

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d the Tsteve Baddeley and Gillian Gills papers Britain both reached the parter final stages of the men's and women's singles in the canadian Open Badminton Chambanile.

spoile: canadian Open Badminton Chamboothis in Ontario yesterday. In Baddeley beat Kashitaka lono of the Chapan 15-1, 15-0 and was drawn Party Gainst top seed and holder Morten a lar rost-Hansen of Denmark in the when A quarter-final. Gilks, the women's the seed heat feanette Martin of

on is e. Top seed, beat Jeanette Martin of Shadov Vianada 11-3, 11-1 and meets idea, Bitzuyo Tani of Japan for a place

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will the semi-finals.
Other British successes came
om Ray Stevens who beat jeff
coldworthy of Canada, 15-10, 15-9
lid Paula Kilvington who disposed
in Hiroma Ishida of Japan, 11-7,
Scotland's Pan Trayers went

ni-7. Scotland's Dan Travers went uit 15-1, 15-3 to Diaz Gonzales of

Cricket

**IOC** to ask countries who

Lausanne, Oct 30.—The Internext Olympic Games in Los national Olympic Committee (10C) Angeles in 1984.

boycotted for explanation

### Cup draw makes Tottenham feel at home

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Chris Lloy took buly 55 minutes
to beat Susan Barker, 6—1, 6—2,
and thus give the United States a
1—0 lead in the Wightman Cup
march, sponsored by Carnation
Foods, at the Albert Ball last

Foors, at the Albert Ball land evening.

Mrs. Lloyd was unintentionally amusing in her laconic comments on the match: "I didn't have to do anything. Sue made a lot of errors. She goes for everything and when she is 'on 'she is a great player. When she is 'off' she is not a great player. When she was losing she didn't change her game and that surprised me. I did not feel I got into the match. I never felt I was in the groove. We never had any rallies. It is one of the easiest matches I have ever had against her".

Tokyo, Oct 30.—The unseeded American Brian Teacher took the top-seeded Bjorn Borg, to three sets before the Swede edged through to a victory by 3—6, 7—5, 6—4, over his determined opponent in the second round of the world super tennis tournament here today.

here today. The hard-earned win put Borg through to the quarter-final round,

the made many errors in the first set, and in the second was taken to a tie-break before he squared the match. The third set went to 4-4 then Borg served for a 5-4 lead and broke Teacher's service

Two English castles London in the south and Liverpool and Manchester in the north had their League Cup hopes strengthened when yesterday's fifth round draw gave them home advantage. Yet none of their potential visitors will need to travel far.

will need to travel far.

Totrenham Hotspor, indeed, have yet to set foot outside the capital. So far they have journed to Orient in the east, Crystal Palace in the south and next Tuesday they entertain Arsenai in a tie postponed at the last minute to enable the various Republic of Ireland internationals to play against France in the World Cup.

Should Tottenham succeed against their close rivals, they need look again only as far as the Underground to go to Upton Park for their fourth successive derby match. derby march.

West Ham United have their domestic cop bes, they have lost

it one. Birmingham City have the most daunting task of all at Anfited. Liverpool's unbeaten home record, stretches back 76 games to January 21, 1978. The victors that

Angeles in 1984.

The executive board decided to bold its next meeting in Los Angeles next February when they will see the 1984 competition sites and decide whether the game of Tennis should be, readmitted to the Olympics after more than a half century's absence.

Mrs Berlioux said that practical decads suproporting the returns and the second of the suproportion of the returns and the second of the second

Mrs Berlioux said that practical details sucrounding the relinformation of tennis still remained to be solved. Although the points will be discussed at the Los Angeles meeting, tennis will not appear in the 1984 Olympics.

In today's meeting, the IOC directors also confirmed the 1984

orrectors also continued the 1986 programme as established this summer. The "all categories" event in judo has been withdrawn in spite of protests from leaders of the International Federation of Judo, who were in Lausanne to allead their case. The question of

plead their case. The question of the women's marathon event is

unresolved:
The commission postponed dis-

cussion of the problem of national flags and anthems until the next

Olympic ceremonics in an effect to depoliticize the Games.

Table Tennis

England stay

unchanged

now historic day, though, were Birmingham themselves by 3-2 with goals from Bertschin, Emmanuel and Francis. Their manager then was Sir Alf Ramsey. manager them was Sir Alf Ramsey.
Sadly, one of the remaining giant killers may be slain by the other. Cambridge United, stuttering along in the middle of the second division, have already disposed of the holders. Wolverhampeager eyes on three pieces of silverware. Clear favourites to win the second division championship, they should reach the last eight of the European Cup Winners' Cup at the expense of Politebnica Timisoara of Romania next week and they have yet to begin their FA Cup defence. Of their last 17 ton Wanderers, and Aston Villa. They then held on for a 1-1 draw at Coventry and must try again

They then held on for a 1—1 draw at Coventry and must try again next Tuesday at Abbey Stadium. Awaiting the ontome are Watford, whose list of impressive victims include Southampton in the third round, to the tune of 7—1 in the second leg, and Forest. John Bond, who bade farewell to the League Cup when he was in charge at Norwich, is still wel-

taker, could rectain his place and win his twenty-first international cap on Sunday at Bradford. Whittaker had to be content with a place on the bench during the first international at Wigan, but his chances are bright for Sunday's game, since Dickinson aggravated a knee injury at Warrington on Wednesday, and must be doubtful.

The Kiwis yesterday picked both Dickison and Whittaker in their party for Odsal, and have added the names of a utility player, Frohm and a reserve scrum balf, Varley to the fifteen on duty in the first international. The team is: O'Donnell', Fisher, Lenluali, Whittaker or Dickison, O'Hara,

Rugby League

Manchester City. His goalkeeper, Corrigan, airdeay has two winners' medals from 1970 and 1976 when Tueart, who guided them through with four goals against Notts County on Wednesday, scored the winner against Newcastle United.

City are the third side to lend an ear to next week's replay to

City are the third side to lend an ear to next week's replay result. They will entertain either Preston North End, also wallowing in the aecond division; or West Bromwich Albion, finalists three times but winners only once. Barnes and Owen, sold by Malcolm Allison, will openly embrace the chance to return to Maine Road but Nobby Stiles, Preston's manager and an old favourite at Old Trafford, would also relish the opportunity. He might even display one of his once famous roothless grins. The draw:

Watford v Cove Man City v WBA or Preston

The Great Britain team will be chosen roday, and there are question marks against the stand-off half position and in the front row. It is likely that the experienced Warrington half back, Kelly, will wear the No 6 Jersey for the injured Hartley, with the younger Evans, recently recovered from injury, kept for the Under-24 international at Fulham next Wednesday. In the front row Skerrett will probably be ruled out by injury, giving Glyn Shaw, formerly of Neath and Wales, his first Great Britain cap.

Shaw must feel that he has a good chance of playing since be has turned down the opportunity to parade with former Weish Rugby Union internationals before

International call awaiting Whittaker

### Watt must beware rough house allis feet sign of the tank and shamrock

the United States, early M. June on television, my mann said:
"That's the best house match I've ever seen. The boxers did not hart each other."

I can see how the boar looked like that. The stylish Bavis was unable to get round Watt's extended right hand, and the Scot, with his straight punching, can make boxing look easy. And, of course, the boat ended up with the most colossal and spontaneous lug of all time.

I do not think she will be able to say the same about Wart's de-

relevision).

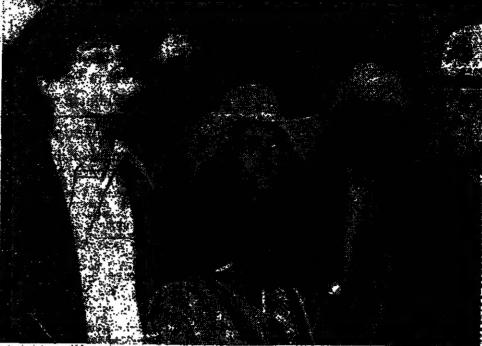
O'Grady has a record of 73 wins.
In 74 bouts, 55 of them inside the distance. Not many of them have been against top-rated opponents but, then, they have

no show him the ropes. He can turn masty if he cannot have his you in the ring. He has tast hands and can lift hard and his, father said yesterday that had Sean been. Able to prepare for eight weeks instead of three he would have knocked Watt out. As it is, he is not even certain that his son will be able to pace himself. He more or lets admired that his son could run out of steam, and Watt, who comes on strongly in later rounds, could knock him out. There also seems to be some disarray in the O'Grady camp, the father being against, taking the born at short nuclee but bowing to the majority family decision it seize the chance. But on Wednesses the chance. But on Wednesses the chance is not was beginning to have doubts. One step on Scottish television. In spite of all flots, O'Grady remains a distinct danger to Watt. On his emerald green truths he cardies a moth of a time which as shannock—and you don't have be a successed on the latest the hears and you don't have be a successed on the latest the latest of a time which he a successed to the latest the latest of a time which he a successed the same of the latest the latest of the latest the latest of a time which he a successed the same of the latest the latest of t

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But there are few cooler start forem pions than Watt. The has been ESU means than Watt.

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O'Grady demonstrates the serious art of blowing bubblegum

Rugby Union

### Martin's chance to equal a Welsh reco

Of Glasgow

The Scottish League Cup final will have a lop-sided look about it when the finalists take their places at Hampden Park, on December 6.

Hampden has been pencilled in as the probable yeaue, but only one of the four clubs still in contention comes from Glasgow in the semi-final round draw yesterday Celtic melt the holders Dundee United in an all-premier division match while first division rivals Dundee and Ayr United meet in the other tle.

Dundee are the glantidlers following their 1—0 win over Aberdeen last uight. It was the first sime in eight cup draws that Dundee have successfully managed to avoid Celtic when both sides were still involved.

Last time the clubs by-passed Dundee and Ayr will meet on November 5 and 19, with Dundee United taking on Celtic at home on November 12, with the return leg a week later.

The draw

Ayr United v. Dundee By Peter Walker Whateyer witches are abroad in vales this evening they'll be earing red and white scarves to kéep themselves warm Bir the temperature inside the National rod, Cardiff Arms Park ro-row afternoon in likely to well shove blond heat es By Keith Macklin

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experience and Martin will equal by the first wells record of 32 caps. It is second row forward. The anxiety over the fittiness of armite baif Terry Holmes evaporated during the two-hom session at the Polick' ground at Bridgen. Holmes, who has played little first class rugby since damaging, a knee and shoulder in South Africa; had finished Tuesday's session linging slightly. A little puffiness around the knee has responded in treatment and yesterday be moved without apparent discomfort. The task facing Waler is enormous. Mae of the side who lest 13—12 in Cardin two years ago against New Zealand, Holmes,

renwick, Garen Davies, Price, Squire, Commell and Ringer will be well aware of the size of the problem facing them tomorrow afternoon. With the All Blacks' impressive record of having beaun Wales in their last the encouppier, indeed one har to go back to 1953 to meanth the last Welsh without even the most one wed bone supporter concerts that his conversions, wittery, eyen the most one eyed locking the scrumble phone supporter concerts that his loc of his junior riggly it team will need both eyes, wide eight his performances open and their was about them registerness of Pon liouscally the registerness of Eddle Butler have present wheel by Markin inhistoger Welsh with the more prized opport options rather than reducing a Welsh rugby player's lift them. The salections had taken a gamble on picking Wheel and

them. The selectors had taken a gamble on piciting wheel and Quimell, two basic non-jumpers, in the second row. The idea was to give first cap Gareth Williams a free role at manber eight and, laving watched the All Blacks dominate the lineart in their folir victories over local clubs, the Welsh planned to use a great number of short lineauts on their own throw to consteract the supremacy of Andy Haden. With Markin included, the home side now have a six foot four inches figure to pose a serious challenge in this department and in consequence, a more orthodox sersequence, a more orthodox set-piece pattern is likely to emerge. But to best the All Blacks, rugby's Holy Grail to Weishmen,

scored six tries against Gi
two weeks, ago will becc
youngest Welsh cap since
Newportonian Keith Jarremade history with his 1tagainst England at Cardii
Park on his debut in 1967. left foot. At 131 stone he .. like a back row forwa. he will not be at all over

### West Country cricketers through the eyes of an East Coker man

One player who will miss Sunday's game through injury received a two-math suspension period at the disciplinary committee meeting yesterday. David Watkinson, of Hull Kingston Rovers, is doubly unfortunate in that he misses the Yorkshire Copfinal against Leeds tomorrow week. Fulbam, whose playing staff is being stretched thinly by injury, lost two forwards through suspension, Lester receiping a three-math punishment, and Gourley one. Other suspensions included Walters (Hull), two matches, and McCurrie (Wakefield Trinity), Thompson (Bradford Northern), and O'Longhlin (Workington Town), one match each.

### Of Australians, picnics and mob rule

Olympic conference, scheduled for, September, 1981, in Baden-Baden. Some countries have asked that no national flags and unthims should be displayed at future A book by David Foot (From Grace to Botham, Redcliffe Press, £4.50) has stirred my memories. David Foot was born in East. Coker, and in spite of all temptations to belong to other nations, remains a West Connery man. He is a journalist much read and liked down here: a careful observer, and a competent writer, who sometimes rises above competence; and would do so more often if he thought more about: "The implerable wrestle with words and meanings" (to quote another East Coker man).

Still, this is a good book about

England's table tennis team will be unchanged for the European League super division marchagainst Yugoslavia in Zagreb on Thursday. November 13.
England face a busy period in the next two months, taking partic the Yugoslavian International Championships in Zagreb from November 19-22; and international championships at Karlskrona (Sweden) from November 27-30 and at Every (France)
ENGLAND TEAMS: European League: D. Douglas, L. Hilton. Coker man).

Still, this is a good book about West Country cricketers, a subject upon which he is qualified to write, because he has spent much of his life watching them. He writes essays on more than 40 cricketers, and shorter notices of over 50 others. I have one criticism. The title does not fit the contents. He confines minself to players who have performed for Somerset and Gloucesterbire. Leave aside the old argument that the West Country does not begin the West Country does not begin until Tauston (you can hardly expect someone from East Cokerto accept it) but what of the other countes? Devon has produced many excellent cricketers, some of whom played in first-lass cricket, others of whom chose not N. Jarvis, A. Stevenson, Witt, A. Gordon, Karlskrona; Douglas, Hilton, R. Potton, C. Knight, Stevenson, Every Douglas, Hilton, Day, D. Johnson, Witt, Jarvis; cricket, others of whom chose not in. Surely, among their current side, D. I. Yeahsley, a veteran of many matches for the Minor Counties, deserves a mention; and before him there was D. H. Cole, who won the Wilfred Rhodes award for the Minor Counties' crickets; of the year.

David Turner, of Hampshire, was born in Wiltshire, Michael Harris, now of Notinghamshire, was born at St. Just-in-Roseland; Cornwall, where the lovely little churchward

slopes down into the sca. The Reverend G. L. O. Jessop was a considerable player: an innings I

have cast his net more widely, and imaginatively.

I suppose, even so, it would

Athletics Huge incentive

for Taiwanese Taipel, Oct 30 .- The Ministry of Education today offered at least \$27,700 to Talwan athletes breaking

League: D. Douglas, J. Hilton, P. Day, K. Witt, L. Jarvis, P. Simpson. Zagreb: Day, G. Sandley,

world or Olympic records. A reward of \$13,850 will go to anyone who breaks the Asian Games record, according to a decision reached at a meeting sponsored by the Ministry with sports leaders participating. The rewards will be given, in the form of "scholarships" together with medals, to be presented once every

Taiwan athletes have long been barred from most individual sports tournament and the Asian Games. Their participation in the Olympic Games is still pending of Olympic Cames is still pending on the question of the use of the national flag and national authem-



Roger Tolchard, a man from Torquay deserving of mention.

have been hard to make a case for getting Halfyard in. Halfyard was born in Middlesex, played for Kent and then, after a spell as an umpire (caused by an injury) for Nottinghamshire. He then played for Durham, Northamberland, and for Durham, Northamberland, and finally Comment. hefore becoming finally Cornwall, before becoming an umpire again. He is a tough and cheerful character, a kind of junior Bill Alley. He took 74 wickets for Cornwall in 1974, at under 10, and his next two seasons were almost as prolific.

Roger Tolchard, of Torquay, played for Leicestershire and England. One brother also played for Leicestersbire, and a third is in the present Devon team. Len Coldwell, of Newton Abbot, played for Worcestershire and England. But, still, Mr Foot, having chosen his ground; covers it thoroughly, and is good on some of the less famous characters. I liked his piece on H. T. Hewett. Hewett was a left-handed batsman usually a popper, who canman, usually an opener, who cap-tained Somerset in the early 1890s, properly described as "gruff". In 1892 he and Palairet had put on 346 for the first wicket against Yorkshire at Taunton, then the highest recorded opening partnersaw him play at Camborne for Dorset gave me a vivid impre-sion of how his father must have hatted. I think Mr Foot should ship. He had frequent rows with his county committee, the most famous when the Australians paid their first visit to Tauaton. The

was wet, and there were dark clouds, and the umpires and cap-tains decided to call it off. The Australians went off for a picnic on the Quantocks. People had come from far and near, many taking the day from work, and objected, when the clouds began to lift. The committee and the unpires, possibly in some physical danger, decided a start could be made i mbe afternoon, and messengers were sent off to summon the Australians. So there was some play, but Hewest never forgave the committee, since the decision to abandon play had already been made. He had a detestation of what I suppose he would have called "mob rule".

This was even more strikingly This was even more strikingly illustrated at, of all places, a Scarborough Festival. Hewett was captaining "An England XI" against Yorkshire. Again there was a large crowd, again play was delayed because of prior rain. Oddly, on this occasion Hewett had been in favour of starring, but howed to the umpires' decision. When play did start, he led out his year and was heavily booed.

Rev R. S. Hölmer, in Cricket, said this was "bad form, and quite imworthy of a sportsman". The Cricket Field, however, approved of him, and said that his action was "likely to direct attention, to the question of how far. a gentlement, who plays a game for his own amusement, is a servant of the public and at the beck and call of an uncompilmentary crowd. There are gentlement who will not, merely because they are attractive hatsamen, subout to public and unmerited abuse?

I was also present to see that, among the early heroes, Mr Foot did not forget J. J. Ferris, Ferris was an Australian, who might have become a Gloutestersifre equivalent of Sam Woods. He tame to England, aged 11; in 1883 (a series in which Sam, then at Cambridge, also played for Australia), and took 220, wickets, at 14, He and Turner, who sook 314 at 11, were the only Australiaa bowlers to count that season. bowlers to count that season.

Bowl they had to; and bowl they did ", wrote H. S. Altham Somebody, probably W.G. jured Ferris into a few seasons for Gloucesterimo a few seasons for Gloucester-shire, and he is now considered to have played for "England", on one of the early tours of South Africa. He took 13 wickets in his one-Test for England, and 130 for Gloucestershire. But unlike Sam, he did not settle in the wast he was not the kind of man to settle anywhere. He died young, after fighting in see Boer War.

It is as much for his recollections these and other distant players of these and other distant players, as for his more modern commentaries, that I shall value Mr Root's book. But he is good on the accepted ones as well. I suppose it is always too easy, when writing about a book of this kind, to pick those who have been left out: but it does astonish me that he has no paragraph for Colin McCool another Australian who frequently other Australian, who frequently bowled England out is the 1946; series, and later gave Somerse five faithful years, at a time when they were in trouble. Colin liked the west, and did, I think, contemplate settling here. He decided against it in the end, with the word: "No. in "Strilla, there's no winter, and the beet's better". Then a pause. "And the bloody of columns the set and the bloody

Alan Gibson

### Cotton picked among fiv Lancashire changes

Fran Cotton who left the British Lions during their recent tour of South Africa with a suspected sound sarius with a suspected heart strack, recovers his place as prop forward for Lancashire in tomorrow's match against North-umberland at Gosforth. Lancashire have made five changes in all to the side who defeated Cumbria 12—0:

12-0: Jim Syddall (Waterioo) has had to withdraw because of a shoulder injury suffered in the Cumbria match a week ago. manth a week ago.

Ian McKle (Sale) has been called up in Syddall's place. He played at number eight for Lancashier for two matches last seasons, Hooker, Colin Fisher and centre John Heaton are seektors' changes. The other changes involve the release of the first seasons.

changes. The other changes involve the release of the full back Kevin. O'Brien. (Broughton: Park.) at the request. of the Irish: selectors earlier this week and now the withdrawal of Syddall.

Cornwall make two changes in the side to meet Devon at Redruth on November & after their red.

the side to meer Devon at Redruth on November 8 after their win over Somerset at Camborne last Saturday. The hooker Duffelen (Leicester) returns while Corin moves from flank forward to lock in place of Ranford, the Camborne player. Trudgeon of St Ives takes over from Corin at wing forward. There is still no place for Gloucester's record points scoring full back. Butler in the side to meet the English champion Leicester at Kingsholm tomorrow. The place is held by Paul Ford.

The place is held by Paul Ford, the youngest son of the former imernational Peter Road. He has been a member of the side that took the ground records of Pontypool and Nottingham within the last 10 days, and that also beat Clifton so convincingly in midweek.

Another county player Wood bas still not regained his place in the back-row.

Gloucester show just one change Giouceaer snow rust one change from the side that beat Clifton: Mogg returns from injury to dis-place Conway, on the wing. Butter

Enguen-weise merit tantiloss six key players to t
tenary match in Cardiff.

But Morley says "Their
are strong enough for al are strong enough for al team and even with a sc weakened side last v Bridgend were able to Saracens and win."

After their runaway 41 over Exeter University, make one change, Gorve was rested after three harrin eight days, is restored second row in place of Sh Bristol have founda Richards, an exciting 18 winger from Lydney, Usus Forest of Dean clubs increased of Councité Richards, who made h county against Devon lass county against Devon last day, has opted for Brist England schools internation is an art student, believes

Bristol's captate Alan who has scored 18 tries things warned his Side against Bride against Bride leaders of the u

Bath visit Harlequins val promising young winger Trick back in the said to make way for him. It is made to make way for him to make way for him to make way for him to make way to make the control of the c be out for several we having his appendix ren Covernry, after six defeats, have dropped their backs, including kicker, scrum half Saves
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#### POOLS PROMOTERS ASSOCIATION

The Certified Dividends announced in yesterday's issue The Times were for matches played ou ...

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### rough holy Rathconrath should find his feet over fences today

Racing Correspondent

It needs no imagination to picture John Francome enjoying a field day at Sandown Park this afternoon as he strives to consolidate his attempt to become the champion jockey under National Hunt rules a third time. Reppintime (1.0); Rathconrath (2.30) and News King (3.0) look like three winners that Francome should ride for Fred Winter. Ankas (3.30) could easily be a fourth, for Tim Focuter.

Rathconrath, my selection for the October Novices Streeplechase, is arguably the best horse on view today. Four seasons ago he won both the Yellow Pages Hurdle at Kemptoon Park and the Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock Park, and, was then unlucky not to do better than finish only fourth in the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham.

At the start of the following

At the start of the following easin he looked a live contender or the Champion Hurdle itself out things began to go wrong and ince then he has been plagued with leg trouble. As a result he has run only once since he last win in the autumn of 1977. ion in the autumn of 1977.

However, those legs appear to be the sain now and, equally happreset, his approach to jumpon on the schooling

Newmarket programme

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For the record

same before he went out to ride Snowtown Boy at Ascot on Wed-nesday and what happened? They came to grief at the eighth fence. With luck, things will work out better today.

Better today.

Earlier in the afternoon I will not be surprised if the Prince of Wale's racing colours are carried to victory in the Bourne Lelsure Handicap Steeplechase by Allibar before he enjoys a spell out hunting in preparation for a crack at next year's Grand Military Gold Cup. The way that he finished at the end of three miles at Ludlow last Friday suggested that Allibar would be even more effective over a longer distance and that is precisely what he faces this afternoon when he will be ridden by Richard Linley instead of his enthusiastic owner.

At Wincanton yesterday, Diamond Edge won the Terry Biddle-come Charlenge Trophy but once again his jumping left something to be desired, on occasions. The increase them seem plagued to be desired on occasions. The first see trouble. As a result he service of the second of the second

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which would increase his weight to 12 st 5 lb. Walwyn added that he sincerely believes it is absurd to penalize a horse in the famous Newbury Steeplechase for winning a race worth only £2,000 after the weights have been published. "That is one way to drive away the good horses, not attract them", he reasoned with some justification. Walwyn rounded; off the day in, style by saddling Loanan to win the second division of the Nether Wallop Rurdle.

Wallop Hurdle.

Phillip Hubbs did not have a particularly happy ride on the Gold Cup winner Master Smudge who finished only fourth. But earlier in the day things went better as he won first the NaUsworth Novices steeplechase on Tower Bridge, and then the Wincanton Group Challenge Cup on his father's mare, Gay Part.

Sandown Park NH programme

1.30 PIRBRIGHT CHASE (Handicap: £2,183: 2m)

2.0 BOURNE LEISURE CHASE (Handicap : £2,506 : 3m 5f)

### Sparkie's Choice not overburdened for shotgun

Choice showed a fine blend of speed and stamina when heating Tommy Joe by four lengths. Improving steadily in the straight, he went clear on the flar for a comfortable victory. Although Sparkie's Choice has been reassessed as a result of that victory, the gelding still does not appear to be overburdened.

That gentus of a National Hunt trainer Peter Easterly, has yet to win a Hennessy. However, both his candidates this year, Father Delaney and Prominent King for running this afternoon. Father Delaney is: reported to be the more forward of the pair. This remarkable eight-year-old made wonderful improvement last season. A hearn-favourite at Market Rasen in August 1979, he then progressed by such leaps and bounds that his five victories included triumphs in the Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup and the Tore Pattern Chase at Kempton.

On his final outing of the season Father Delaney might well have besten Royal Mail in the Whit-

bread Gold Cup but for taking complete charge of Alan Brown in the back straight. Even so, he rallied so gamely up the final hill that he was only a length behind the winner at the line. Father Delaney could well develop into a leading fancy for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. A good run today would unnombredly see a drastic reduccion in his present odds of 20 to 1 for the Hennessy in which he has been given 11st 7th. Ballydonagh and Current Gold are other runners with chances selection.

Easterby ran viot at the first Wetherby meeting of the season, saddling five winners during the afternoon. It is by no means impossible that he could achieve the same feat today. His runners in the other races are Galatch (1.0), Charter Flight (2.0), Clayside (2.30), Netherton (3.0), and Frasass (3.30). This is a formidable quinter who possess chances as

into top gear. Last season I only Dickinson finished second to Easterby in the trainers table. His son Michael is the new hand at the helm and yesterday he saddled his eighth winner of the new campaign when Rednael and Lucky Eagle won both divisions of the Bottesford Novices Steeplechase. The sands of the 1580 flat racing season are now slipping away fast through the bottom of the glass. There is a strong and competitive card on the opening day of Newmarket's final meeting this afternoon. But finding the winners has become something of a lottery because so many horses are losing their form. Michael Jarvis's stable on the other hand, still seems to be in the best of health. His three-year-old, Claudius Secondus could be the one to be un in the Royston Stakes. Although he started at 8 to 1, when beating Sashka at Warwick there was a certain amount of confidence behind the cole. Claudius Secondus must have a good chance of following up that weekers.

### Fined for underpayment

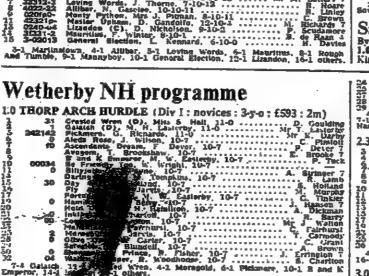
for the underpayment of stable who was paid £45 per week

for stable staff of £63—in force since August 1 this year.

Speaking after the hearing, McCain, who was not legally represented, sald: "The Stewards were very fair. They played it by the book. She was dismissed because she was a moderate stable by the book. She was unshissed because she was a moderate stable girl and an indifferent rider. My staff are now paid the minimum wage, but whether I can afford to continue to do so, is another matter. However, I am fortunate to have a force overide verifier.

3.0 HINCHLEY WOOD HURDLE (Handicap: £1,814: 2m)

3.30 WATERLOO HURLE (Div II: novices: £769: 2m)



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3.0 BOSTON SPA CHASE (Handicap: Amateur Riders: £1,665; 3.30 THORP ARCH HURDLE (Div 11: novices: 3-y-0: £572: 2m) A. Brown 7 Nonders 7 R. Lymb
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### Treasure turns

#### in a dream performance

John Treasure turned in a great performance to snatch victory for the professional David Talbot and the Royal Mid-Sussey Club in the national pro-am golf challenge final at Penina, Portugal yesterday. .

Treasure, a 35-year-old professor of economics, who quite big business to become the dean of the City University, told Talbut on Wednesday that he had a vision he would face a crucial 15th puts on the 18th green at the end of the 54-hole fournament, and it all came true.

Treasure, in fact, holed a 221t purt at the 18th for on eagle three, forcing a sudden death play-off with Steve Harrison and Peter Hetherington, a 20-year-old accounts student from Brampton, near Carlisle

Then the 17-handicap amateur capped a magnificent display b winning the extra hole with a par four, and his opponents stumbled badls.

### Law Report October 30 1980 Application form

# certificate ambiguous

Ogston v Miller
Before Lord Justice Donaldson and
Mr Justice Forbes
[Judgment delivered October 29]
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application form, for a shorgun
certificate was much too vague,
the Divisional Court said, and their
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certificate was much too taque, the Divisional Court said, and their Lordships urged the Secretary of State to give urgent consideration to its amendment.

The question—question 12—is:

Have you been convicted of any offence other than minor traffic offences? The applicant has to answer yes? Or no?

The court had been asked by the prosecutor whether North Yorkshire magistrates, sitting at Settle, were correct in dismissing an information against Christopher Robin Miller that he made a false statement for the purpose of obtaining a shotgun certificate, contary to section 26(3) of the Firearms Act, 1968. The magistrates had decided that there was no case to answer on the ground that the expression "minor traffic offences" was not defined.

Section 26(3) reads: "It is an offence for an person to make any statement which he know to be false for the purpose of procuring whether for bimself or for any other person, the grant or renewel of a certificate under this Act."

Mr John W, Haines for the prosecutor: Mr P, H, Walker for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE DONALDSON

the defendant.

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said that the problem under the
Act and the Shotgun Rules made said that the problem under the Act and the Shotgun Rules made under it was that the prescribed application form for the grant of the certificate asked for the personal particulars of the applicant including question 12. Nowhere in the form was there given a definition of "minor traffic offences." The defendant filled in the form stating "no "to question 12. He handed the form to a police constable and was interviewed later. He was asked whether he had convictions for driving without due care and attention, failing to give a breath test and driving with excess alcohol. The defendant admitted the convictions and was asked why he had not answered "yes" instead of implying that he had not been convicted of any offences other than minor traffic offences. The defendant replied that he had honestly believed that the offences of which he had been convicted would be classified as minor offences and that he thought that the question itself referred

It was contended by the prosecutor that the offences of which the defendant had been convicted were not minor traffic offences hur that that was a matter for the magistrates matter for the majistrates.

The defendant contended that there was no case to answer because there was no definition of "affine traffic offences" either in the Act or in the form, or in any ducided cases, and it was of fundamental importance that where criminal offences were concerned the law should be certain and should not depend on the opinion of magistrates. The question was ambiguous even from a grammatical point of view. Did it mean minor offences in the sense of traffic offences, or traffic offences of a minor patter? The defendant said that It was shown, by his reply to the constable, he had thought the former, contrasing in his mind traffic offences with criminal offences.

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His Lordship said that it was His Lordship said that it was wrong in principle that people should be asked to any "yes" or "no" to a question which was not at all clear. The offence under section 26:5) was directed at a person who made a statement which he knew to be false. Whether the statement made by the defendant was false or not was a question of fact for the magistrates to decide. It would have been better if, instead of dismissing the case, the magistrates had allowed the defendant to be questioned in the witness box so that they could assess for themselves the credibility of his statement.

The court had been informed that the Secretary of State was considering the revision of the application form. Their Lord-ships would invite his attention to question 2 and suggest to him that it was one which needed urgent reconsideration in order to pro-duce a clear question to which there could be a clear answer.

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Air Aaronson: submitted that
for taxation purposes the partnership was an entity. Therefore,
the fact that, as between the
partners, the respective income
and capital entitlements and
obligations must be adjusted to

secure that the burden of the payment of £14,000 fell wholly on Mr Louis Halpern could not after

Air Louis Halpern could not alter the taxation accounts of the firm. He said that those accounts dealt with the computation of partner-ship losses and profits and not with the distribution of those pro-fits and losses. Once it was found that a sum was a disbursement or expense wholly and exclusively laid out or expended for the purposes of the partnership trade, then that is sum was deductible in computing?

sum was deductible in computing? the partnership taxation accounts.

An indemnity by a third partyn would be a corresponding asset, e but, an indemnity by a partner was only an obligation which affected, the distribution of the partnership profits and losses.

For those submissions Mr Aaron-if son pointed to section 19:4) of thes, Finance Act. 1953 (replaced by section 154 (3) of the Income and, Corporation Taxes Act. 1970), whereby if a partnership was continued for tax purposes after an actual change in the persons carrying on the partnership business.

### Partnership's recouped expenditure deductible

Halpern and Woolf

Before Lord Justice Ormand, Lord Justice Evelenak and Lord Justice Templeman
[Judgment delivered October 29] Where a payment by a partner-ship is a proper disbursement wholly and exclusively laid out for the purposes of the partnership trade, that payment is a deductible expense for income tax purposes, albeit that the burden of the pay-ment falls to be borne by a partner or former partner pursuant

to a partnership agreement.

The Court of Appeal allowed an STC 751), reversing the general commissioners who allowed £14,000 to be deducted in arriving at the profits of the partnership assessable to income tax for the year 1970.71

sable to income tax for the year 1970-71.

Mr Graham Aaronson for the taxpayer firm : Mr C. H. McCall for the Revenue.

LORD JUSTICE TEMPLEMAN, reading the veserved judgment of the court, said that the appeal illustrated the difficulties of taxing partnerships which had some of the characteristics of a limited company and of individual taxpayers.

#### Social security not a factor

allustrated the difficulties of axing partnerships which had some of the characteristics of a limited company and of individual razarets.

In 1864 Mr Louis Halpern, one of the partners, executed in his own amme a guarantee of the account of Levis Care & Co. Ltd. with Lloyds Bank. The commissioners found that the partners in 1865 "agreed that should any loss arise out of the guarantee it would be borne by Mr Louis Halpern and Mr Russell.

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Regina v Serty

The fact that a defendant has been living on social security is not a factor which the courts should take into account in deciding whether to make urders recommending deportation. He Court of Appeal said. Their Lordships allowed an appeal by Mahmod All Serry against an order recommending his deportation made after his convention at Swansea Crown Court i Judge ap Roberti or shoplifting. There was no appeal against a fine of £50.

MR JUSTICE LLOYD, who vas sitting with Lord Justice Ormrod and Mr Justice Bingham, said that in R v Nazari (The Times, March 18, 1980) Lord Justice Lawton, giving guidelines to courts consider whether the time on social securing recommendation, for example shoplifting. I all the circumstances should be looked at. ""

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**Basketball** 

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Wincanton results

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Hartford Whalers 5. Detroit Red Wings 3. Vanceberr Canaria 5. Ocaber Nordiques 5: Pittabureh Penguins 2. Battais Sabres 1. St. Louis Blues 2. Winterson Sabres 2: Chicago Block Cilera 4. Toronto Maple Lesis 4: Edmonto Cilera 4. Toronto Maple Lesis 4: Edmonto Angelus Kings 4. Washington Capitals 2.

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**Rifle Shooting** 

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TORONTO: (Lanadam Open' mena singles, second round (Capadian unless stated): M. Frost-Hausen (Den. beat C. Holoboff 15—2, 15—3: M. Fogatty (US) beat M. Bruter 15—11, 17—11; Y. Iono (Japan, beat P. Johnson 15—11, 15—4: S. Baddeley (GR) beat C. Higgins (US) default, S. Kartscon (Swe' beat J. Warks 15—10, 15—6; M. Walker (US) beat T. Quibm 15—2, 15—5, P. Trono beat P. Ravelek (15—11, 15—10); D. De Belle beat S. Thanasrivanich-Chal. (Thailand) 17—15, 15—11; A. Straturatul (Thailand) beat K. Ohba (Japan) 15—1, 15—5; D. Genzilee (Mevico) beat D. Travers (Scot) 15—3, 15—6; P. Hanaschava (Japan) beat R. Maccougall 15—7, 15—11; S. Fladberg (Den) beat T. Calrunthael (US) 15—6, 15—11; L. Wordin (Swe') beat J. Cake (US) (Gault) J. Britton (US) Cricket

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next Tuesday's Presidential election is whether it is much of an advantage to be the incumbent. According to conventional wisdom, a sitting President of the United States is always re-elected whenever he offers himself. It was because President Roosevelt was re-elected so often that a constitutional amendment was passed to make it impossible for any President after Mr Truman to serve more than two full terms. But President Ford was defeated in 1976, and if Mr Carter loses now it will be widely believed that the

If Mr Carter does win however. one of the principal reasons will be that he is the incumbent. In that case it will have been a good year for incumbents. Mr Fraser beld on to office in Australia a fortnight ago against the evidence of the polls. So did Rerr Schmidt in West ermany earlier this month, though n that case it was not a surprise. I that their gross national product

who had been Prime Minister since

There is not, of course, a new universal law of western politics that the sitting government must always triumoh. Otherwise Mrs Thereher would not now be in Downing Street. But it is notable that so many incumbents should be successful at a time of economic difficulty with a deepening inter-national recession. Both unemployment and inflation have been causing serious anxiety in the United States. The Germans are worried

bad most people want to "throw the rascals out". If electorates are now responding to economic misfortune with greater political discrimination this must be democratically healthy It implies that governments in advanced countries are no longer regarded quite so much like rain makers in primitive societies, their stock rising and falling according to circumstances over which they can bave no control.

It might be objected that would be even worse to offer a licence to incumbents. Does not a vital democracy depend upon the

incumbency still confers a useful advantage. It will help to confirm the other evidence that those, in office can retain a good electorial going is rough.

Equally, it is a fallacy to assume that all main parties must have a turn in office for a country to carn its democratic credentials. It is true that a party is more likely to form a responsible opposition if its leading members have personal experience of the burdens of government—but that does not

What matters, though, is not that sitting governments should regularly be turned out, but that they should remain continuously aware of the possibility. It is the acrogance of power that corredes a democracy, not the frequent exchange of power that justifies it. So it follows that the quality of democracy depends as much upon what happens between elections as upon, election results themselves. The right to choose every few years which of competing groups is the less disagreeable to govern the country for agreeable to govern the country for the next term is essential to democracy. But it is not enough. Government also needs to be responsive to the people while it

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The other methods of sectioning destrable that their activities should responsiveness of government is be subjected to proper structure by representative democracy: in Britain this means the further other words, the effective coursel velopment of the select column of the executive through Parlia system in the House of Communication. The need to get the right and a second chamber with the balance between the executive and fidence and credibility to embar. the legislature has become one of the government of the day rat the critical questions for western there often than is the custom democracy. In the United States the House of Lords.

that because direct democracy on trary failing. Parliament as an inpolicy questions means that decksions of great complexity are given
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### Why 'One Nation' is still worth reading

Thirty years ago, the General Election of 1950 did not quite usher in the first post-war Conservative Government, that had to wait another year, but it did inject a legendary set of newcomers into the ranks of Con-servative MPs. This tranche of Tory talent was dominated by a number of young men in their thirties, who were to play a most significant part in the fortunes of the Conservative Party for a generation.

like Mr Iain Macleud, are dead; Mr C. J. M. Alport and Mr Robert Carr have gone to the House of Lords; Mr Angus Maude is a member of today's Cabinet, while Mr Edward Heath and Mr Enoch Powell continue to be major presences in the Chember of the House of

Like all new MPs, these and others talked in groups. Talk that must have been all the more exciting with the constant chance of attacking a dying Government, with the scent of another General Election and the air: it is probably always easier to be a new backbencher opposition. Again, like new MPs before and since, some of them formed a dining club, the better to provide the ambience in which to discuss the new dawn. Such dining clubs are often ephemeral and they are always regarded with some disquiet by the party whips.
Some of the 1950 intake

dined together, later on taking as their formal collective title "One Nation", Disraeli's endur-ing concept. That club had a life of its own, unlike many others, and still meets today; a good number of the present Cabinet and Government were among its members in their pre-

ministerial days. Such gatherings were not just restricted to talk; they wrote, too, and very quickly. Over the summer of 1950 these six young luminaries together with Mr Richard Fort, Mr Gilbert Long-







Thirty years ago saw the arrival of a new intake. of Tory MPs whose influence was to be far reaching. Three of them are pictured above: Mr Edward Heath, Mr Angus Maude and Mr Enoch Powell

den and Mr John Rodgers produced what was to be a most influential little book of 95 pages. Its title, chosen a week before going to press, was One Nation: it was popular and quickly reprinted. Their focus of concern was

social policy, and how to establish a genuinely conservative view of it as the wartime con-sensus on these issues which had produced universal secondary education and eventually our National Health and Social Security Systems came increasingly under scrutiny.
In those austere times they

spelt our a conservative policy towards society in these words: "We have a generations work ahead . . . Socialists pay lip service to the need for priorities; in practice they have lacked both courage to enforce them and the adminis-

be priorities between the Services. We believe that Housing is the first of the Social Services and Education is the tion and the greatly increased expenditure on defence make it more-not less-necessary to scrutinize the Social Serrices, and to root out inefficiency and waste; more not less necessary to see that every penny is wisely spent, and that those in the greatest need are helped first."

These words have a clear and contemporary ring to them. I do not know exactly who wrote them, for One Nation was written collectively. With its 13. short chapters ranging over everything from "Population Policy" to "A Social Policy for the Countryside", the latter irreverently entitled in its first draft "More Meeting Policy and Policy for the Countryside". Morris Dancing and Higher Rents", it was a cooperative work. Yet, it', suffers from

usually associated with the genre. This is a tribute to those two MPs who we do know edited it: Mr Jain Macleod was one, the other was Mr Angus Maude, that sharpest of editorial drafters and pruners. It even got a sort of party imprimator, in the shape of a short and characteristic fore-word by Mr R. A. Butler, who wrote "I recommend this book as a healthy piece of construc-tive work!"

That it was so well received That it was so well received is not surprising considering the joint authors, some of whom had cut their political teeth in that hursery of Conservative ideas, the Research Department under the chairmanship of R. A. Butler. The Times described it as "important" and a "cogently argued elucidation".

Resding One Nation 30 years trative ability to make the Morris Dancing and Higher after, it seems exceedingly Services work. Just as there Rents", it was a cooperative fresh to me. This is not just must be priorities within each Social Service, so there must remarkably few of the faults it is written. While a few of

its pages to that which was ment and conservation; its pages to that which was then, and remains today, what one of its joint-editors, Mr chapters however, the contents. Angus Maude, called 30 Octobers later at the 1980 Party expenditure: the level: of Covernment expenditure is divided Society".

That preoccupation was no more a "wet" preoccupation in 1950 than it is now. At no time in their careers could Mr. Maude or Mr. Powell or Mr. Macleod be described as wet, in either the old fashioned or the new fangled media-spracht sense. Indeed Mr. Macleod was, until Mrs. Margaret Thatcher. until Mrs Margaret Thatcher became Leader of the Party, perhaps the only Tory since the war who could easily persuade his listeners that our Party was capable of passion, and actually believed in something. A few of the contents of

One Nation seem rather strange or even redundant today. It is or even redundant today. It is pretty un-Tory these days for example, to be concerned openly with population policy—
"... a deliberate effort to influence the size and quality of the population "—advocated in Chapter Three. The burning need to renew out-dated houses, and to build hundreds of thousands of new ones suickly sands of new ones quickly which is advocated in Chapter-Four must have been a direct reflection of the current thear favour of a housing crusade.
Rarely can any policy advocated from the floor of a Conservative Party Conference, as this was by the then Mr Harmar Nicholls at the 1950 Blackpool meeting, have been accepted by the Leudership.

That demand, in the tradi-tion of crowds demonstrating for more Dreadnoughts—"We want eight and we won't wait" The —was to be speedily realized for Or

the leadership so easily.

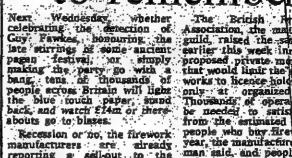
the problems exercising its in Mr Macmillan's epoch-makauthors have been, if not ing 300,000 houses a year in the
solved, at least ameliorated, early 1950's. Today, there are
most have a familiar ring today,
It is essentially a practical,
policy formulating book. Yet it
does address itself throughout
its pages to that which was

already too high for dormal times." (page 91). On zaxatimes." (page 91). Our taxation: "the future wellbeing of even the poprest is
already being endangered by
the economic effects of redistribution." (page 8). On
education: "We deplore the
present tendency to drag down
the brighter children to the
level of the dull ones." (page
46). And on health "How
to reconcile the insistent need to reconcile the insistent need for economy with an efficient and progressive service? The Socialists have no proposals to offer. At least in the past this is because anything that calls in question the principle of a free comprehensive service is politically dangerous" (page

The questions were asked, the problems dissected, the policies proposed. Thirty years later many of the questions are the same and the problems similar, only the solutions sometimes seem as far away. Are they simply the eternal facts of British political economical and social life, or a measure of the failure of a generation?

Whatever the answer, the problem of a temporarily-divided society remains, and the sum of One Nation is as pressing today as when that brilliant generation talked and





Guy Fawkes night : need by firelight.

manufacturers are already reporting a sell-out to the man said and peoplidep wholesale and retail rade, of over the counter said. They estimate that 100 million my to make their ow firework will so up in smoke. The National Camping by November 6, with millions Firework Reform east of people enjoying the perils believe that arguments and pleasures of boofire right, that the future lies infire

Pleasures there cortainly are, and the British seem peculiarly attached to them. For more than a century, from 1665, fire work manufacture was made illegal in British. Bus the love of the white, the bang and the coloured lights means that illegal manufacture of fireillegal manufacture of fire however that if only a works continued with alarm work code was id ingly explosive results until the injuries need not happe ingly explosive results until the Injuries need not napper things had so be legalized, is a view firmly backed though strictly controlled. It is Sally Oppenheim, Ministhis fear of illegal manufacture Consumer Affairs, who that is one of the manufacture warning last year that turers' commonest arguments legislation would be coolegistation would be coolegistation which the sall of 953 in the 1978 tetal of 953 in the sall of 953 i against those who think more can be done to limit the perils of Guy Pawkes night.

Although accidents are down the year before the firework code was introduced-injuries code was introduced—injuries treated in hospitels throughout. Britain have remained at around 700 since 1975. Of last year's accidents, 310 involved eye injuries, almost 100 led to absence from work or school, and 308 -involved children under 13.

under 13. Over the years, the industry has abandoned many of its more deafening and dangerous devices such as thunder flashes. ground torpedoes, jumping crackers, flying saucers and helicopters, but bangers are still the commonest cause of

injury-190 last year. The manufacturers say the benger is now little more than a phut. But any suggestions that the banger in that case might as well go is countered by warnings of illegal manufacture if they are banned.

to remember Association, the magnetic guild, raised the sale as earlier this week interply proposed private majbers' that would limit the life of works to licence holors for only at organized disp Thousands of operation be needed to satis der from the estimated 0 mi people who buy firetrix year, the manufacture ap man said, and peopledep

What it costs

might moving out of garden and into organs, plays a wend stread lished, with fifm of the sales estimated to be p

The manufacturers was not reduced, now p faith in the firework co

manufacturers cooperat a £25,000 publicity ca starting Kenny Everent. There is no doubt th code in every firework b posters sent to every sche better, organized displa-the disappearance of the injuries.

It is a sobering though if Guy Fawkes had been s ful, 500 to 600 MPs and along with the King, have faced death or inj 1605. While the compar not fair, with 75 per last year's firework i one death in the past years, the fact remains to the past five years' expedren, face injury next V

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### The secrets of Palmyra, past and present

Palmyra North of Damascus the road to Palmyra passes through a flat landscape of dusty rock-strewn scrubland, relieved only by the toccasional herd of Bedouin-ndriven camels against the background of smoke belching from the long thin chimneys of a istant cement factory.

Palmyra itself is a welcome Moasis in this barren setting. dmiraculously rising from the clump of ancient date palms (which give the town its name. TeBut Palmyra is not as peaceful mor idyllic as it looks. This sumthmer it joined Aleppo and political violence in Syria after whas long been used to house

It now holds members of the Oputlawed Muslim Brotherhood, insud when they tried to break but in June, reports say, the re- of the East, who rose against

say 400 died. Others say the figure is inflated, others still that it is an under-estimate. The Government says it never happened, or that if it did only a handful perished. In a way Palmyra is a fitting

setting for legend and rumour. On the edge of the town stand the magnificent Roman ruins for which Palmyra is justly famous, Seen in the twilight, with the dust rising in a haze against the setting sun and stray does prowling among the fallen pillars, the great arches and temples look insubstantial, ghostly. They are all that is left of the city the Romans built when they conquered Syria in 64 BC.

The Romans have been overshadowed in folk memory by an Arab woman: Zenobia, Queen

the occupiers and got as far as Egypt and Asia Minor with her troops before being driven back to Palmyra. She was captured by the Emperor Aurelian in 272 AD and taken to Rome, where she ended her days in the Tivoli Palace.

Her name is commemorated by Palmyra's main hotel. It stands, a one-storey building looking rather like a misplaced Spanish ranch house, right among the rules themselves. Here too an air of mystery hangs about the cool, stoneflagged cooms.

The Hotel Zenobia, in fact, has a history of which the Arab queen would have been proud. Its first owner was another remarkable woman, the Comtesse de Dondourain, from Lyons. In Cairo, where she began her Middle East career, the Com-tesse was secretary to T. E. Lawrence and made herself

by working as a double spy for the British authorities and the Arab nationalists. She bought the

Zenobia built by the French in

1918, and went on to make a fortune spying both for the French mandate and for the nationalist revolutionaries, who held whar they imagined to be secret meetings in the hotel It would be pleasant to relate that the Comtesse lived on in Palmyra till a ripe old age and that it is her spirit which lingers in the Hotel Zenobia. In fact she left Syria when the Spanish Civil War broke out and bought a villa on the French-Spanish border, entertaining officers from both the France and Republican forces. Franco and Republican forces.

When the Germans entered

Paris the Comtesse was there,

and her house became a club

rather than colourful: she was killed during a quarrel with a ship's captain on a boat moored at Tangier and was dumped overboard into the harbour, from which her body was fished out by puzzled Moroccan

The Hotel Zenobia was bought after the war by a local Mr Khaled Assaad, is now Director of Antiquities in

Mr Assaud recalls that in the 1920s, when the Comtesse was living in the hotel, most of the inhabitants of Palmyra lived in huts inside the Temple of Bel, among the ruins. Now the town boasts 25,000 souls. In the distance, beyond the Prench company Mr Assaud thinks it is an

eyesore and tried, unsuccessfully, to get it stopped.

Down in the brightly-lit souk men sit in shop doorways, pulling on their water pipes. Two military policemen, in their distinctive red and khaki uniforme hear anothers are forms, keep a watchful eye on the scene from a parked leep, a reminder of more recent events in Palmyra. Perhaps the Director of Anti-

quities can tell me whether or not there, was a massacre in the Palmyra jail and how many died? He shakes his head.
"The jail is a military justallation", he says. "Who knows arion", he says. "Wh what goes on inside?"

Somehow I don't see say-

Richard Owen

### K"Art Nouveau?" I asked. P. "Audemars Piguet," she returned, smiling.

Graceful arabesques of gold embraced the flawileg "In Gracerus arabesques or gold answers face. The miraculously thin case was edged in gold

She took the watch from my hand and put it on, charche finely decorated bracelet encircling to se folloher slender wrist as lightly as a silk

ought Augi-boon.

oent Leag There was, perhaps, an echo of. s from Bache romantic movement in its design. But its slim shape was strictly 1980's. In all, another timeless classic y Audemars Piguet.

"And you wear it," I teased, papers war merely to tell the time?

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She arched her eyebrows. Spoile efonst Bad "Just as you use the Lalique barty rost ise," she countered, "merely to hold Party rost use, she on a la marte then up seowers.



### Audemars Piguet

Exicodemars Piguet, 72 Saffron Hill, London ECIN 8RS.

Tourists to the Soviet Union tend to have an enjoyable time but go home with an indefinable sense of dissatisfaction. They sense of dissansfaction. They feel somehow they have been fooled, that they have seen only the surface of things. Were they misinformed or simply naive? Were all the things they read back home exaggerations, coldwar myths? Or was the guide a little was resulted. little too smooth-talking, too pat with her answers?

There is no helpful teply. Even those who have lived in the Soviet Union for almost a generation never really understand this country. It is aptly symbolized by those painted wooden dolls you find in any souvenir, shop ; you open one and there is another inside. Inside that there is a smaller one, and then another and another. When you are confident you know how Russians think and react, that is the time to beware, for you can be mightily

So tourist impressions are not altogether false. What you find impressive may not be what you expect, but it is not necessarily just a charade set up by Intourist to empty your pockets of bard currency while filling you with friendly sentiments. that immediately strike visitors, I have just received a letter from an observant tourist who came here with his family in

They noticed "the crabness of the apartment blocks, the Those who seem likely to cause streets and even the people (all trouble will be kept under disstreets and even the people (all trouble will be kept under disvery reminiscent of our own creet observation. And almost exclusively as their war: in But they are the only people
postwar period); gross conanyone who comes here with the Murmansk there is burely a who peer at the ubiquitous red

sumer insensitivity everywhere; a colossal difference between the principal cities and the villages, where mud, wells and shacks appear to be the dominant features; the assumption by the party of complete wisdom without ever needing to listen or to learn—eg the images of Lenin are always of him tell-

ing, decreeing or instruction, never listening." But on the other hand they found public transport remark-ably cheap and frequent, the public places refreshingly free of graffiti, vandalism, litter and -the circus, folk concerts and the ballet—was excellent.

The only really phoney thing

we found was the factory visit, As with most tourists, they spen; some time wondering whether they were followed. It is a natural worry—the image of the Soviet Union as a country of street-corner informers, KGB

agents and suspicious officials is deeply ingrained in the West, and with good reason. But as the Russians them-selves candidly point out, it is tourist. It is also unnecessary. There is little a first-time visitor speaking no Russian could do on his own—apart from selling his jeans. The parandia and kenophobia that characterized Statin's rule have given way to

sophistication

maturity even within the KGB.

Those who seem likely to cause

intention of contacting dissi-cents is known to the authorities before he sets foot in the COUNTRY. Almost every tourist itinerary

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includes a war museum. The ever present memories of the Second World War—the great Second World War—the great patriotic war as it is known here—are inescapable. The bloodiest conflict the Russian people have ever known, costing 20-million lives, is burned intothe memories of every Russian village. And until only a few years ago the radio ran contact programmes for people looking for loog-lost relatives. War films are on television

every week, and the sufferings and heroism are commemorated in enormous and impressive monuments, such as the tower-ing figure of mother Russia at Yolgograd, formerly Stalingrad, or the ruised fortress at Brest that held out for a month when the Germans were already well on the way to Moscow. Villages, burnt down with their inhabitants, have been symbolically recreated : as memorials. The eternal flame burns in every town, sometimes guarded by children in their

pioneer uniforms, and it has become customary for newly-weds to lay their wedding flowers there and have photographs taken. Of course, genuine emotions, faithfully passed on to the younger generation, have been exploited so that patriotism can be identified with the party the regime. And Russians



pention of the allied conveys. But tourists will find that every dinner has a mast to peace, every speaker, genuinely, hopes for and end in war.

Tourists notice things Russians have long ceased to see -slogaus especially. Visitors find welcome relief from adver-

tisement hoardings (though these are now beginning adver-tising Sovier and Bast European goods) and commercial

and white benners proclaiming glory to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union." "We shall fulfil the decisions of the 25th party congress "-recently amended to "Let us worthily greet the 26th Party Congress with unstinting work". Slogans have become so ritualistic, as have the Novem-

ber and May Day Parades in Red Square, that Russians pay little attention and are almost embarrassed if you quiz them about the significance. It is the same story in museums and monuments that

fill the murist timetable. These are always througed with people of all ages admiring their heritage. Bur it is the prerevolutionary art that enthralls: list realism or the shrines to worthy revolutionaries are almost deserted. The appetite for propaganda has sickened and died. Only tourists now buy folders of old propaganda posters to stick up on their. valls back home. Perhaps the biggest surprise

is how large, varied, and un-disciplined the country seems to be. The map indicates its size, but it is still surprising to find you can fly east from Mos-cow for 10 hours on a four-engined jet, arrive eight time zones whead, and still be in the same country.

And one unfortunate effect

of the West referring always to Russia rather than the Russia rather than the Soviet Union; is that people for get that Armenians, Georgians, Estonians, Larvians and Uzbeks

with their own language? tures, traditions, religio outlooks are by no men is 15 different countri-

together.
The outward trappicalling and Bukhara the same—the trolley whose arms constantly the wires, the police ut the statues to Lenin E obligatory puppet theatry these two towns are as d as Edinburgh and Tunis får part. And while the West:

image of people regi organized, cowed and:H ful, tourists complain in the chaos lackadaisics. drunkenness and gene regard of a thousand ri regulations. This may being if you are trying things into a tight ti-But it is fruitless to ge, far better to laugh an some of the local fatali Tourists go home-wit? " tales of restaurant praise for the welguides and their im English and an intenset in a way of life that at westerners unfathomalmost important observ,

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### MEDITERRANEAN ROYAL TOUR

loyalty that the royal sighs of relief on getting home yesterday from the latest round of state visits were even more heart-felt than they must usually be at such moments. For once, not even the contrast between Mediterranean sunshine and English weather can have dampened the pleasure of homecoming, on such a rare autumn day. The tour has been a successful one, but it has not been smooth. It is not necessary to overrate the share played in this by the unpredictable impulses of King Hassan's hospitality. The first state visit paid by a British Sovereign to the Holy See, the state visit to Italy. while it was without a government, the visit to Sicily, where three local citizens chosen to meet the Toyal party had recently been murdered, and the state visit to Algeria less than a month after the violent earthquake utlere, "would by them-selves, have posed exceptional, problems of diplomacy, tact and

The visit to the Vatican was not the Queen's first She was received by Pius XII while on holiday in Italy in 1951, before her accession, and she made an official visit to John XXIII in 1961. The age-old hostility srising from the breach made in 1534 abated long ago, and such residual suspicions as remain are not of a kind that can be dissipated by the exchange of

nothing new. Even their common

view of Israel never prevented

quarrels. Now the war between

Iran and Iraq has put greater

strains than ever on what is left of Arab brotherhood. Iraqis

believe their cause is an Arab cause and that other Arab

nations should back them.

Jordan and some others agree

and some openly hostile to Iraq. Syria is particularly hostile. Old

rivalries between factions of the

Baath parry have now been exacerbated by the war. President Assad of Syria professes to find President Saddam

Hussin's ambition to lead the Arab world alternately amusing

and dangerous. The two leaders

are not an speaking terms, and

President Husain is officially

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but most Arabs are ambivalent .

It may be imagined without dis tormal courtesies between heads the Western Sahara means that of state. Nevertheless, the event it and Algeria exist in a state of touches deep sentiments about faith and national identity. Though formally an encounter between mutually acknowledged equals, in the temporal sphere, the meeting must also be seen in the context of the spirit of reconciliation which now prevails in the Christian churches.

Most royal visits within western Europe and the Commonwealth have gained the character by now of courtesy calls to keep established rela-tionships in repair. Even if the territory visited is new, the interest and good will already exist. The visits which venture on to unfamiliar ground, like those in recent years to Yugoslavia. South America and Arabia, may not be more significant in the long run; but they are apt to be more unpredictable, and tend to carry a greater weight of influence on the immediate relations between the nations concerned.

The countries of the Maghreb were in some ways even more of an untried venture than Saudi Arabia, where diplomatic and trading links with Britain are well-established and relatively stable. The implications of the visits to the former French clients Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco (Libya being a significant omission) were more complex. Morocco's costly and opportunistic attempt to annex

holy Muslim places of Mecca

and Medina were "under

American occupation "-a refer-

ence to recent American sid-

and called for a holy war to liberate them. King Khalid res-

ponded by accusing Colonel Gaddati of being a "speachead

against Islam together with

To complicate matters further,

there are increasing differences

within Islam itself between the

Shia and Sunni branches. One of

Iraq's motives for going to war

with Iran was a fear that the

Iranian revolution might inspire

Iraq's own Shia Muslims, who

form more than half the popu-

lation, to try to reverse the

humiliation of centuries by

throwing off their traditional

role as underdog. The fear was

particularly strong around the Gulf, where Shia Muslims make

Responsible Arab leaders.

where no scheduled flights run, was an event of some symbolic importance between those nations themselves, Britain quite apart. It must be hoped that the visit may have effects of reconciliation to excuse the things she had to say to King Hassan about his deserving "the sympathy and support of us all" in his formidable difficulties". No Sovereign is on oath while making speeches on a state visit.

undeclared war; the Queen's

flight between the two capitals,

Reports of disorganized arrangements in Morocco suggest that there was more than a little royal tact behind statements that the Queen was "perfectly content' with her reception. The Palace must in any case have been prepared for the possibility the schedule might run less smoothly in Morocco than it usually does elsewhere. Tact and patience ensured that the tour was successfully accomplished. The value of such visits is never to be counted only in diplomatic and trading contexts: the wider goodwill that they can create is at least as important. Once again, the Queen's popular reception on this tour, not only in Italy-that might have been expected-but also in countries whose ties with Britain are tenuous, shows the remarkable appeal that she possesses, through her personslity as much as through her

Disputes among Arab states are: Colonel Gaddafi said that the not likely to be achieved while

Arab heads of state are not on speaking terms. Jordan's attempt to bring together an Arab summit on November 25 is still far from success. A preparatory meeting in Amman has just broken up after less than twentyfour hours. The fact that the war was kept off the agenda at Syria's insistance was said to have hastened agreement, but the idea of a summit without discussion of the war seems somewhat pointless. On the other hand there is no sign of their agreeing to come together to discuss it.

The West can take no comfort from this disarray. Perhaps it will gain the Americans better access to the Gulf. Perhaps Saudi Arabia will now become more inclined to grant the Americans a military presence of some kind. But the Soviet Union has also strengthened its position by sign-ing a treaty of friendship with ationalism. Colonel Gaddafi of libya brought this into the open with his attack on King Khalid regional problems themselves for Saudi Arabia, who has since roken off diplomatic relations. This is a worthy aim, but it is there were gives it, among other things, naval facilities at the Syria port of Latakia. The dangage which was superpowers out. Syria, which gives it, among

be no fear that

culling to the degree envisaged will threaten the species with potential extinction. The present badger population of the United Kingdom is certainly well over 100,000 and may be as much as half a million. It is perhaps showing a tendency to decline, because of the encroachment on the countryside by urban environments to which badgers have not been able to adapt, but protection measures, and the peculiarly conducive conditions they have found for themseves in some parts of the country, have limited that trend. But the numbers which would be involved in any gassing operation would not have any dramatic effect on the population. Death by tuberculosis would be a far greater horror

for the badgers and a far

greater hazard to their con-

#### NO REPRIEVE FOR BADGERS bjections to the gassing of

Behind the war of words is a up two-thirds of the population.

CONFUSION IN THE ARAB RANKS

adgers as a means of preventg, or at least curtailing, the read of bovine ruberculosis in rile are based rather more on notion than on scientific eviince. Badgers are most attracre and appealing creatures, id television has seen to it that llions who have never seen the clusive animals in real life ve been entertained by their ties under an infra-red nighthr. No-one who has admired e wisdom of Badger in The ind in the Willows can contemste even the partial exterminan of his brethren with any aling other than dismay. Moreer, badgers do very little visiharm—eating young shoots is e limit of their destructive wers—and they occasionally rform the useful function of ing insects, young mice and ier pests. for their Infortunately

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m Vice Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch

An officer in the Armed Forces

loses a classified document, let

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rament of the day, and particu-ir the "leaker" should hap-to be "somebody in exalted 2". In acclaiming such action patriotic " Mr Wood encour-recelations that might, in fact,

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perhaps as much as one in five in the South West of England, harbours tuberculosis. The main task of Lord Zuckerman, as a result of whose report the Minister of Agriculture has now taken the decision to resume the gassing of setts, was to investigate the link between tubercular badgers and the spread of the

disease among cattle. His unambiguous conclusion accuses the badger of being a significant reservoir of bovine tuberculosis. There is evidence that since the last programme of gassing was abandoned a year ago, the disease has spread, particularly in areas with a high density of both badgers and cattle, mainly the South West. Moreover, transmission of the disease occurred not only between hadgers and cattle, but between different groups of badgers. Indeed. tuberculosis is now a considerable threat to the badger's own survival, quite apart from the danger to cattle.

tinuing survival.

Further, passengers from outside Europe who travel between the Continent's cities yield far less cash than local travellers. None of

Mr Heightrand. Denmark's
"Luker", testified during the 1977
inquiry that his Sterling airways
could make profits on the LondonCopenhagen route at half the International Air Transport Association's
"normal economy" fare. Now he
says he can manage with a third of
that amount, so the situation seems that amount, so the situation seems

A policy of evolution is inappropriate and unacceptable whilst such blutant injustices persist. Each passenger should pay a price closely linked to the cost of carrying him, no more and no less. Price competi-tion is nature's way of making sure this happens.

Yours faithfully, A. J. LUCKING. Flat 20, 17 Broad Court. Bow Street, WCZ.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Effects of public spending cuts

From Professor Sir Bryan Hopkin and Professor Wynne Godley

Sir, As the economy moves into ever deepening recession the Government is proposing to make further large cuts in public expenditure. Such cuts are not merely unnecessary; they will make the present very serious prospect even worse. The three arguments by which the Government may be motivoted all seem to us wrong.

1 More fiscal deflation (it may be said) is necessary so that interest rates can be lowered, to the benefit of industry which has so far had to shoulder the main burden of the fight against inflation. But in reality British industry will not obtain a net benefit from further cuts in public spending. Such cuts will further reduce demand and output and if they enable monetary targets to be met this will largely be because industry, in extreme depression, will not wish or need to borrow so much from the banks even at lower rates of interest. There are no grounds for supposing that cuts in public expenditure will bring the exchange rate down, indeed it seems more likely that such action will cause the exchange rate to appre-

ciute further. 2 Cuts must be made because of a prospective rise in public borrow-ing which is inconsistent with the published medium term financial plan. But the rise in public borrow: ing is a direct consequence of the recession which is reducing tax and other receipts and increasing spending, particularly on unemployment benefit. A determination to reduce the budger deficit defined as the crude difference herween public spending and receipts is therefore perverse, and will reinforce the forces of depression which are already very strone; it is to remove the economy's stabilizers".

3 With output so low we cannot

afford present levels of public expenditure. But, the fact that public spending is rising as a proportion of GNP is not evidence that we cannot "afford" it; the GNP is only low because of the policy-

induced recession. Yours faithfully, W. A. B. HOPKIN, Professor of

Economics, University College, Cardiff, WYNNE GODLEY, Professor of Applied Economics, University of Cambridge, October 28.

From Mr A. Latham-Koenig Sir, While in agreement with the general tenor of your leader on the exchange rate (October 25). I dispute your statement that, "the direct cause of the high sterling exchange rate is the level of interest rates that has been deliberately engineered by the Government in order to validate its monetary policy".

While high interest rates are undoubtedly an important marginal influence, the fundamental factors pushing up the sterling exchange rate are: Britain's possession of North Sea oil in a period of rising oil prices—which makes sterling a petrocurrency—and a strong current account position enhanced by favourable capital movements. Thus, in. 1979 and in the first quarter of 1980, about 30 per cent of Opec's surplus funds were deployed in the United Kingdom, more than double the percentage thet went to the United States. As long as overseas confidence in the Government's ability to pursue its present economic policy prevails and oil prices keep rising it would

take a sharp recovery in the dollar to depress significantly the present

high value of the pound. Yours truly, L. KOENIG.

11 Bigwood Road, NW11.

#### CND marches back

From the General Secretary of the Compaign for Nuclear Disarmament Sir, Your editorial "CND marches back" (October 28), welcome acknowledgment of public concern as it is, nevertheless implies once more a contrast between unimultilateral negotiation. The division is a false and dangerous one. Both multileteral negotiations and unilateral action, the latter varying sccording to the military circumstances of each country, are recognized in the Final Document of the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament of 1978 and both are clearly complementary.

It would be a tragedy if the disarmament movements, and CND is only one of them, allowed themselves to be deflected from their purposes by either the ratification of SALT 2 or by a theatre nuclear weapon agreement though such possibilities, welcome in themselves, must appear remote at the moment. will not notice that we, probably the most likely first victims of a nuclear war are actually party to neither set of negotiations.

The target is not arms control, but genuine world disarmament. Yet instead we hear from our Goverument silly phrases about nego-tiating from strength which are both meaningless in a world of massive superpower overkill and a perfect formula for an arms ruce without rational end.

The demonstration on October 26, so enthusiastically supported and part of the week of action called for by the United Nations, shows at least that many ordinary people in this country, if not their leaders, understand the 1978 UN warning,

choice: we must hak the arms race and proceed to disarmament or face Yours faithfully,

Mankind is confronted with a

BRUCE KENT, General Secretary, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 29 Great James Street, WC1. October 30.

From the Reverend Nicholas Bradburg Sir, Your leader on the CND march (October 28) does not mention the important reason why some of us

were there. A new ground of support for even unilateral disarmament comes from those who make a connection hetween disarmament and develop-

Despite the Government's ostrich attitude to it, the Brandt report has succeeded in spotlighting the scandal of the world's \$450bn annual military budget, It shows " a moral link between the vast spend-ing on arms and the disgracefully spending on measures to remove hunger and ill-health in the Third World". "Morally it makes no difference whether a human being is killed in war or is condemned to starve to death because of the indifference of others."

Surely some of the support on Sunday came from those who have been grasped by the conviction that there is little difference between their being annihilated one day in the future by nuclear war and someone else being annihilated already by happening to be born in the wrong hit of the world.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BRADBURY. Holy Trinity Vicarage, Philip Lane, High Cross, N15. October 28.

#### Costs of litigation

From Mr A. R. Hodder Sir, I have just completed on behalf of a client a very simple County Court section the financial outcome of which is instructive.

The action concerned a claim for possession of a small flat in the London area by reason of the tenant's failure to pay arrears of rent amounting to £173. Five days before the date fixed for the hearing of the action the defendant paid all these arrears but paid nothing in respect of costs. At the hearing, although the judge made an order for costs against the defendant, he declined to impose any sanction in respect of the non-payment of those costs in accordance with his order.

The costs which the defendant was ordered to pay were allowed by the court at the sum of £89.73 and it has been necessary to make three appearances at court in rela-tion to the enforcement of that order in addition to the attendance at the original hearing and upon the taxation of our bill of costs. Payment of the costs was eventually made as a result of a garnishee summons issued against the defen-dant's bank. Court fees totalling

£53.30 have been paid throughout this matter, which commenced in May of last year and has concluded this month. The total costs re-covered from the defendant amounted to £102.23. I now have the unenviable task of

explaining to my client why I have done work on his behalf for which, upon any realistic basis, I must make a charge of at least £280 tincluding disbursements and VAT). As you will see, the ner result is that the client would have been marginally better off to have abandoned his claim in the first instance.
It should be emphasized that

these custs have been incurred in the main not in pursuing the client's legal remedy but in seeking to enforce the court's order.
This case illustrates so clearly the current state of enforcement of

judgments in the county courts which, in my opinion, has reached the stage at which very grave inju-tice is being suffered by unblameworthy claimants. Yours truly. A. R. HODDER.

Hodders, 11 Station Road. Harlesden, NW10. October 23.

#### Quiet, please

From Mrs Charles Nunneley Sir, In London, a hundred years ago, there used to be spread outside ago, there used to be spread outside a house where people were sick or dying, a thick layer of straw. This served two purposes: firstly, it dulled the sound of carriage wheels and horses' hooves on the cobbled streets, and secondly it reminded passers-by of a need to be quiet as they treet passers.

they went past. Having just spent a week in an exceedingly noisy London hospital, um aware that traffic noises are now impussible to check, but how about some kind of mute appeal, as was the Victorian straw, to the better nature of the casual pedestriun? Every evening, outside hospital windows, someone revs a inotor-bike, or emerges, a cheery late boozer, from a near-by pub, or indulges in loud and protracted good-nights on neighbouring door-

steps.
Why couldn't hospitals paint the kerb outside their premises in some bright colour-blue or orange or red, whichever would show un best at night-in order to remind people that it would be nice to keep this a quiet place? Of course it wouldn't work as a check on everyone but might it not be worth trying to

influence some of those noisy night revellers who, not malevolent but unthinking, would be appalled if they knew how much discomfort and ill-feeling they were arousing in the patients they were keeping Yours faithfully. CATHERINE NUNNELEY, 8 Priory Walk, SW10.

#### Job training schemes From Mr Peter Eljer

Sir, "180,000 youngsters to get job training" (The Times, October 27). Training for what jobs? Many of those who are being made redun-dant now are unskilled or untrained. What jobs are the newly trained young to take?

With current policies, training will only produce trained unemployed voungsters instead of untrained ones. With these policies it would be more honest if the training were for unemployment than non-existent jobs.

What is needed more than training is jobs—180,000 jobs.
Yours faithfully, PETER ELFER 23 Hastings Road, Croydon, Surrey.

#### Amending Canada's constitution

From Mr Jonathan Aitken, MP for Thanet East (Conservative) Sir, As a British Member of Parliament of Canadian descent, I have heen following the controversy over the proposed amending of the Constitution of Canada with mounting incredulity.

The present scenario suggests that within the next three months the Westminster Parliament will be asked by the Federal Government of Canada to enact what is in effect the framework for a new Canadian Constitution British MPs will rub their eyes

with astonishment when they read the 59 clauses of the proposed Constitutional Bill which Mr Trudeau intends to lay before Westminster. This goes far beyond a mere "patriation" of the British North America Act 1867. It is substantive new legislation, nor only redefining the potential relation-ships between federal and provinshins between federal and provin-cial governments in a manner iminical to most of the latter, but also creating a new Bill of Rights for Canada. Some of the 30 clauses in this part of the legislation impings on highly sensitive areas, such as minority language rights, where there is strong disagreement particularly in Quebec. To complicate matters further, the Federal Opposition has argued that by bringing down the closure after only 25 hours of distances. hours of debate, the Government has denied even the Ottawa Parlia-ment the right to give adequate scruting to these crucial reforms.

Having created this minefield of foreign constitutional controversy, Prime Minister Trudeau now wants British MPs to walk silently into the division lobbies in support of h. Some provincial leaders, on the other hand, hope that the Westminster Parliament will don the mantle of a reactivated colonial umpire and adjudicate on every difficult point. Already intense lobbying is going on behind the scenes to schieve just this result. One Agent General representing a Canadian province in London told me yesterday that he had recruited

over 50 sympathetic British MPs

to his cause.

Those of us who visited Canada on a Commonwealth parliamentary delegation last summer know that there are many other interested parties, from Indian chiefs to pro vincial premiers, who have plans to come to Westminster to put their case. All this activity envisages the prospect of interminable late nights in the House of Commons next seesion, with devolution style debates on a sovereign state's constitutional arrangements. Under normal conditions such a spectacle would surely look humiliating for Canada and unseemly for British MPs. Yet however extraordinary it sounds, it is stage that Mr Trudeau's unilatera decision to export Canada's consti-tutional crisis to Westminster 15 likely to create this impossible

sinuation.

Is there a way out? Much the best solution is of course for the federal and provincial governments of Canada to go back to the drawing board and produce an agreed amending formula to accompany the Patriation of the British North America Act, Under such conditions, Canada's legislative reducests would surely be granted "on the nod" by the United Kingdom Parliament. But if such agreement is reallimpossible, then by far the most strractive option is the one sug-Tremblay in their letter to you (October 29). Westminster should refrain from taking sides in the Canadian constitutional quarrel by refusing to act upon the Federal Government's present legislativa proposals. That way, we unhold our residual dury to remain impartial we avoid an Alice in Canadaland fiasco on the floor of the Poure of Commons: and we politely

remind the Canadian Government that as a sovereign state. Canada has all the necessary powers for

ਧ੍ਰਵਬtment or a supervision order by

Courts are, generally, ready to

listen to reasonable explanations and act upon medical advice.

Bowever, many ordinary shoplifters

are unrepresented, are often advised

by well-meaning friends, police or

probation officers to plead guilty and "get it over with", preventing

and "get it over with", preventing the true background to be revealed. When serious psychiatric pro-

blems are concealed there are occasionally serious consequences in

terms of the individual's subsequent

Constitution making at home. JONATHAN AITKEN. House of Commons, SW1.

#### The case of Lady Barnett From Professor Robert Bluglass

Sir, Your correspondent Mr J. J. Smyth, QC (October 27), has "added a note of realism" to the comments which have been made following the sad case of Lady Barnett. May I add some further observations as a psychiatrist who has a special interest in such problems?

Although some stores have a policy of referring all suspected shoplifters to the police many others deal with the elderly, some children, and the obviously manually ill with remarkable sympathy. In a study of 392 apprehended shoplifters by my colleague, the late Mrs Norah Wilkins, only 45.6 per cent were charged with an offence. In addition, police frequently use

their discretion in deciding whether or, not to pursue a complaint further. Ultimately, it is found that only a minority of those convicted (Some five or slx per cent) have alguificant psychiatric disorder sufficient either to affect their criminal responsibility or lead to

behavlour (such as worsening depression or suicide). Others are advised by solicitors to opt for trial in a higher court despite the trivial amounts involved because it is helicved that a jury is more likely to be understanding (and this some-

times seems to be true).
Yours sincerely, ROBERT BLUGLASS. Psychiatry, All Saints Hospital, Lodge Road,

October 27.

#### Zimbabwe exodus From Mr A. Cluff

Sir, As has been the case with many similar articles about Zimbabwe since independence, Nicholas Ashford's (October 28) has the innuendo that white emigration spells catastrophe for Mr Mugabe's Government, I contend that this is misleading and that the truth is rather that the nature of the emigrants (principally young married couples) is such as to be helpful to Mr Mugabe in his unxiety to reflect the aspirations of his black university graduates and otherwise skilled youngstors. and that accordingly a resonable puce of emigration from the white professional classes is positively encouraging for Zimbabwe's furies.

I recollect that some two months ago a popular newspaper r-corded on its front page the "alaraning" incidence of white emigration while the same day, concealed in the financial columns, was notice the first rights issue in Zimbabwe since independence had been oversubscribed. That is the significant news. That and the fact that 95 per cent of Mr Mugabe's population, be they Matabele or Mashona or Old Etonian farmers, are profoundly fed up with insurrection and disturbance and want to get back to work.

Yours faithfully. ALGY CLUFF. 90 Eaton Square, SW1. October 28.

#### Easing the way to death From Dr Richard Lamerton

Sir. Once again one is obliged to turn aside from caring for patients to take time to defend their lives from the plans of the euthanasia

lobby.

If someone is begging for euthanasia, it is a cry for help. It is a daily experience in our hospice work to see patients who are miserable and begging to die. But our response is not to kill them. We ask why they want euthanasia, and tackle the causes.

For two television programmes on the subject, we had no difficulty finding groups of dying patients who testified that once they received proper care, they no longer wanted euthanasia.

What is this proper care? It means returning companionship or loneliness, relieving pain and other distressing symptoms, listening to the depressed and sharing their

burden. It is possible so to care for people who are dying disabled or elderly. that they are no longer driven to ask for enthanasis. A person is nor making a free and rational decision if he is constrained by torment, is

Yours sincerely. RICHARD LAMERTON. The Macmillan Service, St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, Hackney, E8. October 28.

### Stuart graves in Europe

From Mr T. M. H. Scott Sir. The generosity of H M the Queen Mother towards the Stuart graves in St Peter's, referred to rather coyly by Mr Ian Munro (October 25r, maintained an even more continuous tradition than he

described. George IV in 1824 had a monu ment erected to the memory of lames II in the Parish church of St Germain-en-Laye, near Paris, where he died. Queen Victoria subsequently paid for the decoration of the adjacent chapel. Yours faithfully, T. M. H. SCOTT The Cottage, 236 Banstead Road.

#### Martyrs in Africa

Banstead.

Surrey.

From Bishop Norman Surgant Sir. The story of the martyrdom of Bishop Hannington in your religious article (October 25) has a happy sequel. When at length Mwanga fell into the hands of the Bitish, he was transported to Seychelles. Before he died in 1903 he had been Before he died in 1903 he had been haptived and was truly penitent. A story is told of how Henry Wright Duta, the leading Buganda cfergyman, preaching in the cathedral after the news of Mwanga's death had reached him, pictured in his sermon Mwanga's arrival in heaven and Bishop Hannington meeting him with the usual salutation of the country, "How do you do, my friend?"

It would not be inappropriate if, in the course of years, the com-

in the course of years, the com-memoration of Bishop Hannington in the Anglican calendar is replaced: or supplemented by that of Archibishop Luwum who, it is believed died at the hand of Idi Amin. One would like to be able to pray that this also may have such a happy.

sequel. Yours sincerely, INORMAN SARGANT, Honorary Archivist, Bristol Cathedral, College Green, October 26.

#### Heart-warming

From Licutenant-Colonel J. F. W. Sur. We remember that your correspondent in the Crimean Peninsulawas kind enough to supply almembers of our Regiment (the 39th of Foot) with winter underwear at a time of critic during the supplementary of critical supplementary of the supplementary of critical supplementary of critic a time of crisis during that cam

It has been brought to our notice

that it is now you that faces crisis and are concerned that winter might catch you unprotected. Pleast inform us if we can be of assistance Yours faithfully. J. F. W. WILSEY, Commanding 1st Bn The Devonshire

and Dorset Regiment (Her Majesty' 11th. 39th and 54th of Foot). Roman Barracks Coichester, Essex.

### ture of the Royal Pockwards at United Kingdom, which was we been completed by April 1 year. No doubt it would indiways in which the efficiency of 40,000 civilians in the defence lishment might be brought up at of the 255,000 members of Armed Engen acknowledged. Armed Forces acknowledged the finest in Europe in conto our industries, not only dockwards, but the manufacs of arms and equipment on e: is apent. "

re our performance is ack-edged to be lamentable, and cope for improvement corresingiv great. Managers connot a the responsibility, but nor ther counter politically moti-industrial friction arising the counterion—no doubt ansa in some quarters—that mili-

tary expenditure contributes to "the general maintenance of the international capitalist system ". Only political leadership can restore self-respect and pride in achievement to a demoralized people. Service in our Armed Forces remains voluntary; their. members are drawn from a crosssection of the population; why is ir that, once in uniform, our people are first-rate while their civilian contemporaries and "townies" are

often slack, inefficient, disloyal and Is the answer lying in someone's safe, marked Top Secret? If so, perhaps a "leaker" could be for-

given! Yours faithfully, IAN McGEOCH, Editorial Director, Naval Forces, Southerns, Castle Hedingham, Halstead, Essex.

'The Romans in Britain' From Professor W. S. Allen, FBA Sir. The erymology of the Latin obscenus is unknown and much disputed, so that dogmatic assertions are out of place. But in the present contaxt there is at least an ironic appropriateness in the explanation given by the grammarian Varra, himself amongst other things a distinguished Roman soldier and sailor (though under Pompey rather than Caesar) and the author of various lost works on the theatre. In his work De Linguu Latina (vii-96), like Mr Shackleton (October 27). he connects the word with scuena "stage", but with the opposite interpretation; obscene matters are so called, he says, because they should not be publicly mentioned except on the stage.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. ALLEN, Trinity College, Cambridge,

#### The cost of flying

From Mr A. J. Lucking Sir, In 1977 the Civil Aviation Authority reported on why Euro-pean air fares cost so much. Its answer was that for three of the six sample routes it examined, the airlines were charging the "normal economy." passenger nearly twice as much as it cost to carry him. On the other hand, heavy losses were incurred on providing first-class services, and also on the "tour hasing" fares, which had been evolved to compete with charter

this could occur if proper price competition was permitted.

to be getting worse rather than

October 38.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP (Minis-ter of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Minister-in-Attendance), the Duchess of Grafton, Mrs John Dugdale, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore, Lieu-tonant Coloral, Sir Frie Peter Manager, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, Mr Robert Fellowes, Mr Michael Shea, Surgeon Captain Norman Placklock, RN, Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskill, Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson and Lord Rupert Nevill arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in a British Caledonian

Boeing 707 aircraft (Captain L. R. R. Cotterell) from Morocco. The Prince of Wales, having travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, visited the Ellesmere Porr Boys Club. Coronation Road, Ellesmere Port. Cheshire today and afterwards the Home Farm Trust home "The Lydlate", Willaston, Cheshires. Paron.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon visited the Abbey-field Society Home, 65 Prenton Road West, Birkenhead, Mersey-

The Prince of Wales later visited the Unity Boys Club and the Solway Community Centre, Dove Street, Uverpool. His Royal Highness this evening attended a Last Night of the Proms Concert in aid of the Mountbatten Memorial Trust and the Home Farm Trust at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Home Edward Adeque, subse-

by the Hon Edward Adeane, subse-quently joined the Royal Train at Liverpool Lime Street Station. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark The Princess Anne. Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon opened the new premises of Rebishaw Electrical Limited, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel M. St J. V. Gibbs).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in avendance. Lady Abel Smith has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE October 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this evening honoured the Master of the

Forthcoming marriages Mr N. S. Barbour and Miss H. Dodsworth

The engagement is announced between Neil Scott, son of Mr and Mrs I. Barbour, of Edinburgh, and Helen eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Dodsworth, of Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire. Mr M. Bodiam and Miss A. Simon

The engagement is announced from New York between Mitchell,

from New York between suredell, son of the late Isak Bodiam and of Mrs Mary Bodiam, of Miami, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Maxwell Simon, of

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was Tadworth, Surrey, and Juliet,
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to vir J. D. Miles ortion and Miss K. V. Kennedy Uals he engagement is announced; to etween Jeremy, younger sou of at it for and Mrs Hugh Miles, 77 Hamilarati, on Terrace. St. John's Wood, and ti-ondon, NWS, and Karina, and ti-onoger daughter of Mr and Mrs taxes larold Kennedy, of Melbourne, \$ 90. ustralla. Worshipful Company of Grocers (Mr Gerard Dent) and the Master of the Society of Apothecaries (Mr Guy Blackburn) with her presence at Dinner at Grocers' Hall.
Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance,

KENSINGTON PALACE October 30: The Duke of Glou-cester, Patron, The Society of Engineers was present at a Dinner in celebration of the Society's 125th Anniversary, at City Livery Club, London. Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance. The Duchess of Gloucester

Patron of the Asthma Research Council was present, this after-noon, at an interdenominational Service at St Martu-in-the-Fields to mark the Centenary of the birth of the Reverend Dick Sheppard and afterwards attended a Recep-tion at New Zealand House. The tion at New Zealand House. The Hon Mrs Munro was in attendance. In the evening Her Royal Highness was present at the Carnation Wightman Cup under the direction of the Lawn Tennis Association at Royal Albert Hall, London. Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE October 30: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were entertained at Dinner this evening by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma and Madame Maung at the Pariderra

Residence.
The Lady Mary Fitzelan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester has become patron of the Richard III Society and of the International Vascular Symposium 1981.

The Duchess of Keut, as patron, will attend the "Not Forgotten" Association's Christmas party at the Royal Mews, Bucklugham Palace, on December 9.

The Duchess of Kent, patron of the Spastics Society will attend a carol service in aid of the Stars Organization for Spastics at the Festival Hall on December 13.

BBC plan to

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter

produce 19 plays

The BBC and the Arts Council

the two bodies had not got to-gether before; he hoped it meant the start of a long collaboration. The festival's director, Mr Jack

The festival's director, Mr Jack Emery, associate director of the Old Vic, said that many theatres were facing considerable financial difficulties. He appealed for a spousor to provide funds for a publicity drive, and to set up a small fund to help theatrical productions.

Four of the 19 plays have been written. The list, region by region, is:

London: Eza, by Bernard Kops (theatre under negotiation); and a children's play by Susan Hill for the Unicorn Theatre.

Midlands: House Wives, by Louise Page (Derby Playhouse); Beef, by David Pownall (Palnes Plough Touring Co, Warwick); and a play by Ron Hutchinson for the Beligrade Theatre, Coventry.

North: Going Ngire, by James Robson (Leeds Playhouse); A Sup in Time, by Alan Bleasdale (Oldham Coliseum), and Watches of the Night, by Stephen Jeffreys (Focket Theatre, Cumbria).

Northern Ireland: Stuffing It, by Robin Glandmains (Arts Theatre, Belfast, subject to confirmation). Scotland: A play by William Grant (Perth Theatre); Scotlish Pysmalion, by Marcella Evaristi (Wildcat Theatre Touring Co); and One. Tiso, Three, by Tom McGrath (Traverse Theatre Club). South-sist: A play by Oliven.

South-east: A play by Olwen Wymark (Orange Tree Theatre,

Wymark (Orange Tree Theatre, Richmond); The HMI, by Adrian Mitchell (7:84 Touring Co), and a play by Stephan Davis (theatre under negotiation).

West: The Air Apparent, by John Wood and Ric Jerrom (Natural Theatre Company, Bath Arcs Workshop); I Love My Love, by Fay Weldon (theatre under negotiation), and Dancing Ledge, by Paul Hyland (Orchard Theatre Co., Beaford, Devon).

Wales: Play and venue to be

The plays will be broadcast on Radio 3 either before or after their theatrical productions.

Beaford, Devon).

Princess Alexandra, patron and Air Chief Commandant of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, will visit Royal Air Force Hospital Nocton Hall, Lincoln-shire, on November 21. Princess Alexandra will be presen

at the royal concert given in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund and allied musical charities at the Albert Hall on November 16.

Birthdays today

Professor W. F. Grimes, 75; Mr Alastair Hetherington, 61; Profes-sor R. F. Mahler, 56; Sir God-frey Mitchell, 89; Sir Ernest Oliver, 80; Rear-Admiral M. J. Ross, 72; Lord Rothschild, 70; Sir Edward Spelson, 76; Major-General V. Thomas, 83.

and miss C. Bobrott
The engagement is announced
between Jeff, son of Mr and Mrs
Albert Hakko, of Istanbul, and
Carole, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Ben Bobroff, of London, N2.

Mr. J. Hakko and Miss C. Bobroff

Al-Alawi The engagement is announced between Charles John Pembroke, elder son of Mr and Mrs. J. M. P. Price, of Killigrews, Margaretting, Ingatestone, Essex, J. M. P. Price, or Mulgrews Margaretting, Ingatestone, Essex and Naseema, eldest daughter of Sayyed Abdul-Razaso Nasser Al Alawi, of Manama, Bahrain.

Mr P. W. Sumerling and Miss J. M. V. Bassett
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Drand Mrs M. D. Sumerling, of Brockencote, Riding Mill, North-umberland, and Jenny, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L. A. Bassett, of Colimon Road, Edinburgh.

Marriages

Mr P. D. C. Allen and Mrs S. M. Hall The marriage has taken place of the Mr H. W. Inge-Innes-Lillingsion quietly in London between Mr re ar, and Mile C. M. F. Lalau Keraly Peter Allen and Mrs Sonia Hall in the engagement is appounced be(nee Sottoott).

Mr J. G. Gleodinning 20d Mrs A. R. Law and Mrs A. R. Law The marriage took place, quietly at Marylebone, Westminster Cour-cil House, on October 23, between Mr James Garland Glendinning and Mrs Anne Ruth Law, both of

Mr H, D. d'A. Staveley-Hill and Miss A. T. N. Trasenster and Miss A. T. N. Trasenster.
The marriage took place in London on Friday, October 24, between Mr Henry Staveley-Hill, son of Mr and Mrs Staveley-Hill, and Miss Anna Trasenster, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Michael Transenster.

### Arts Council and Keen prices for Japanese swords

A visitor admiring a 1930 portrait of Regent's Canal, Paddington, at a preview of an exhibition

of the work of Algernon Newton, which starts tomorrow at the Royal Academy, London.

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Sale Koom Correspondent
Sotheby's in Bond Street finished
their three-day, six-session sale of
Japanese art yesterday satisfied
that the new strategy of a
"Japanese week" had attracted
and held a strong contingent of
foreign buyers. Higher than
expected prices were recorded The BBC and the Arts Council are to work together for the first time to produce a festival of drama in which 19 new plays will be performed on the radio and in the theatre.

They will be produced between theatre february and April in a \$100,000 collaboration entitled Radio Theatre \$1. The 19 plays, selected from 300, were announced at a press conference at the BBC in London yesterday.

Sir Roy Shaw, secretary-general of the Arts Council, regretted that the two bodies had not got toamong the swords and sword among the swords and sword fittings and the lacquer; lower than expected prices among the netsuke carvings and Chinese contemporary paintings.

temporary paintings.

Yesterday's two sessions were devoted to Japanese prints, Japanese and Chinese palutings; the day's total was £276,330, with 8 per cent, unsold. The most distinguished print on offer was a Sharaku portrait of the actor Segawa Kikunoiq III. on a mica ground at £24,000 (estimate £22,000 to £25,000); the print used to belong to Henri Vever and was sold from his collection at Sotheby's in 1974 for £6,000. A second Sharaku portrait failed to find a buyer because of its condition and was brought in at

H M Government
The Secretary of State for Defence,
Mr Francis Pym, was host at a
luncheon given by Her Majesty's,
Government at I Carlton Gardens
yesterday in honour of the
Minister of Defence of Italy, Other

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster
gave a luccheon at City Hall yesterday to meet Mr J. N. C.
James, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors,
who was accompanied by Mr.

who was accompanied by Mr Robert Steel, secretary-general

Association Mr Neil Marten, Minister of State.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office. and Mr Laurence Pavitt, MP, were

hosts at a luncheon given by th

nosts at a function given by the executive committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in the House of Commons yesterday in honour of the High Commissioner for Zambia, Miss L. P. Chibesakunda.

Speaker's House yesterday at which the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayores of Cardiff were present. Other guests were:

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales presents Girl Technician of the Year Award for 1930, South Bank Poly-technic. London Road, 11.15.

Princess Alexandra opens District General Hospital, Sandwell, West Midlands, 3.

Flower Show: National Chrysan-themum Society show, Royal Horticultural Society Hall, Vin-cent Square, 1-5.30.

cent Square, 1-6.30.

Exhibitions: Camile Pissarro, 1830-1903. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, 10-8: The Centle Eye, National Portrait Gallery, 10-5; Mythical Images by Picelli and Degli Abbati. Galerie George, 96-98 George Freet, Westminster, 10-6. British Art Now, Royal Academy Arts, Piccadilly Circus, 10-6.

Dinners

Luncheons

£10,000 (estimate £16,000 to

Landscape prims by artists such as Hokusai and Hiroshige again proved immensely popular. A fine impression of Hokusai's famous "Wave" sold for £9,500 (estimate £10,000 to £13,000) while an example in very poor condition made £5,500 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000).

At the end of the sale Sotheby's had added a group of Chinese painting by contemporary arrists, an experiment based on the high prices they fetch in Hong kong suctions. It was less than successful; only paintings by artists well known in the West found buyers at athers and other arrists mades. Y. Raihons at substantial prices. Xii Beihong, the man who does the borses on Boots calendars, had a couple of "Heavenly horses in the Western Desert." at £2,200 and £2,300, against estimates ranging from £800 to £2,000.

At Sotheby's Belgravia, Japanese ivories, works of art, ceramics and furniture were on offer, 93 particularly fine lots which fotallyd £148,380, with 12 per cent unsold.

Lady Mayoress The Lord Mayor and the Lady

Mayoress entertained the follow

Mayoress entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion. House yesterday. The Lotd Mayor and the Lady Nayores of Adhalde, Mr and Mrs Davis Danne, hir and Mrs John W. Markell, Mr Alderman and Mrs Bran Lotkins. the Lord "Chief Justice and Lady Lane, Air Vice-Marshel and Mrs Prior Lefham, Mrs Carole Law, Miss Mattreen Markay and Mr and Mrs G, Brian Nelson.

Royal Institution of Chartered

Mr. K. H. Chapman. Mr J. N. C. James, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Society of Engineers
The Duke of Gloucester, patron,
was present at the 125th contver-

Talks and lectures : " Archaeo-

falks and lectures: "Archaeology of the dead: a Roman
official in Britain", 11.30,
"Design and fashion in Roman
wall-painting" by Simon Wilson,
1.15. British Museum; "The
Social Vision of Alfred Adler"
by Dr Violet Macdermot,
Swedenborg Haff, Barter Street,
Bloomsbury, B; "Max Beckmann: Prunter" by Sarah
O'Brien-Twoby, Tate Callery, 1:

mann: Prunier" by Sarah O'Brien-Twody, Tate Callery, 1; "Sebastiano del Piombo, Rais-ing of Lazarus" by Audrey Tyadall, National Gallery, 1.

Lunchtime music: Counie Payton, soprano, and Hilary Caine, piano, Guildhall of Music and Drama, Barbican, 1.10.

Memorial Services: Mr C. Pirle-Gordon, Crypt Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral, noon; Mrs J. Per-civol (Jacky Gillott), All Souls, Langham Place, noon.

The infant daughter of the Hon John and Mrs Allsopp was christened Kathryn Sarah by the Rev Richard Maclaren at Christ Church. Victoria Road, W8, on October 29. The godparents are the Hon Charles Allsopp (for whom Mr Hugh Myddelton stood proxy). Mr Rhydian Morgan-Jones, Mr Julian Seymour, Mrs Simon Keswick, Miss Penny Macketzie and Mrs Sheldon Prentice.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs

Peter Fletcher was christened Andrew Mark by the Rev John Westmuckett in the Guards Chapel.

Wellington Barracks, un Tuesday, October 28, 1980. The godparents are Lieutenant-Colonei Christopher

Wolverson (for whom Mr Francis Fulford stood proxy), Mr Charles Goodall, Mr John Greenaway, Mrs

Richard Heywood and Miss Chan-ial Langley.

Christenings

£5,000 to £8,000), for a mid-nine teenth-century lacquer display

A two-day, five-session sale of A two-day, five-session sale of nineteenth-century and moderni Dutch paintings at Sorheby Mak wan Waay finished yesterday with a total of £841,099, of which 30 per cent was unsold. A mysterious landscape of 1909-10, "Valavoud", by Gustave was de Woestijne made the top price at \$2,000 guilders (estimate 40,000 to 60,000) or £15,433.

At Christie's in Fine Stand

At Christie's in King Street, yesterday, a sale of oak furniture and carpets realized 570,528, with 28 per cent ansold; the unsold percentage was largely generated by difficulties with the carpets. At Christie's South Kensington a sale of almeteenth and twentietha sale of timestering and reconstruc-ceptury photographs, with prices neither high nor much lower than usual, totalled £65,304, with 12-per cent unsold.

In New York, Christie's sale of allver, virtu and watches on Wed-nesday made £322,743, with 3 per cent unsold.

Faraday House Old Students'

Paraday House Old Students'
Association
Air Marshal Sir Herbert Duridin.
President of the Institution of
Electrical Engineers, was the guest
of honour at the annual dinner of,
it c Faraday House Old Students'
Association held at Quaglino's
restaurant yesterday. Lord Nelson
of Stafford replied to the toast of
the guests which was proposed by
the president of the association,
Mr Kenneth Druce, a fellow of the
institution.

Service dinner

Royal Naval Engineering College Vice-Admiral Sir William Pillar Chief of Fleet Support, was the: guest of honor, and proposed the toast to the supportal Memory of Admiral Lacit, Melson as a Trafajgar Market ner held yea-terday at the Supportal Naval Engin-cering Command. As Thuaderer. Surveyors
The City of London Branch of the
Royal Institution of Chartered
Surveyors held their annual dinner
at Drapers' Hall yesterday. Mr
K. E. Way, chairman of the
branch, presided and the other
speakers were Mr Alex Dibbs and

The Lad Home at the Water Home at the Water House yesterday to the Court of Aldermen, Court of Common Council, oligitaries of the church, the judiciary, civic organizations and many Masters and Frime Wardens of Livery Companies and their ladies.

Meeting

was present at the 125th ouniversary dinner of the Society of Engineers held at the City Livery Club yesterday. Mr.D. J. Hardcastle, president, welcomed the guests who included the Lord Mayor of London, at a reception held before dinner. Mr.D. L. Rohinson was the guest speaker and; other guests included Dr. Ir.G. Spaepen: who was presented with the Gairn EEC Gold Medal, and Mr. Alan Groves, Chairman of the Arthirects Registration Council of the United Kingdom. Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies
General Sir Harry Tuzo, who has
succeeded Air Chief Marshal Sir
John Barraclough as Chairman of
the Council of the Royal United
Services Institute for Defence
Studies, presided over interesting. Studies, presided over in meeting of the council held yesterday at the institute.

#### Asthma Research Council.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patrons of the Asthma Research Council, attended an interdenominational service at St Martin-in-the-Fields held yesterday to countemorate the centenary of the birth of the Rev Dick Sheppard a former vicar of the church, who died as a result of asthma. She was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Dennis Walters, MP. chairman of the council.

The Rev Austen Williams offici-

The Rev Austen Williams officiated and the Dean of Westminster gave an address. Mr Dennis Waters, MP, chairman of the council, read the first lesson and the second lesson was read by Mrs Gordon Richardson, daughter of the late Rev Dick Sheppard. The Duchess of Gloucester was the guest of honour at a reception held afterwards at Martini Rossi Terrace where Professor Charles Fletcher, a member of the council, addressed the company. Special prayers for asthma sufferers will be said in Canterbury Cathedral and other cathedrals and churches throughout the country on Sunday.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:
Mr Philip Bomford, deputy director of Northern Arts, to be the first national secretary of the council of Regional Arts Associations.

Inner Temple The Right Hon The Lord Roskill, PC, has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Mrs E. E. Springhali

Mrs E. E. Springhall
A service of thankspiving for the
life of Mrs E. E. Springhall was
held on Tuesday, October 28, at
St. Michael's, Chester Square.
Relations and friends attended as
well as representatives of Hans
Town ... Ward and the Chelsea
Conservatives Association, and The
Prince of Wales's Own, Regiment
of Yorkshire and The East Yorkshire Regimental Association,

DR GEORGE BORG OLIVIER Prime Minister who led Malta to independence

Dr George Borg Olivier, scho Malta's Prime Minister led the island to independence from Britain in 1964, died as his home in Sliema on October 29. He was 69. Borg Olivier was twice Printe Minister of Make, from 1950 to 1955 during which period the island was a self governing crown colony, and from 1962 to 1971 when his Nationalist Party was defeated by Mr Dom Mintoff's Labour Party. He was also leader of the Nationalist Party from 1950. to 1976

OBITUARY-

Ar the opposite end of the political spectrum from his opponent of many years Dom. Mintoff, Borg Olivier also differed from him in tempera-ment; while shrewd he was ment; write sureway the ways somewhat langurous. Unlike Mintoff he believed strongly that Malta would become it that Malra's natural strategic. affinities were with Europe and the West; he had welcomed the West; he had welcomed constitution presented by B Nato's Medinerranean Head constitution presented by B Olivier was endorsed by Malta first premiership—a step later reversed by Mintoff and afterwards even in opposition continued to campaign for Malta in a referendum held to maintain its ties with Nato and Britain.

and Britain.

George Borg Chivier was born in Valletta on July 5, 1911, the fifth sod of W. Borg Olivier, an architect and civil engineer and a member, of a well amown Maltese family. He was edacated at the Valletta Lyceum and the Royal University of Malta obtaining his Doctorate of Laws in 1937. He adopted the profession of a Notary Public, and entered pointies as a member of the Nationalist Party—the pro-Italian Party—just before the outbreak of war in 1939 as a Member of the old Council of Government, which he remained from 1939 to 1947.

In 1947 he was elected to the Legislative: Assembly ser not under the new postwar self-governing Constitution, and in 1950 had his first experience of office as Minister of Works and Reconstruction and Minister of Education in Dr Mizz's Nationalist Cabinet

He first came to power at the and of 1950 when he succeeded to the leadership of the Nationalies Party and the Fremiership on the death of Di Eurico Mizzi. In 1951 he formed a coalition with the Malta Workers Parry and, in spite of a small majority, this government en-dured until 1955, when it was defeated in the Assembly by

one vote.

In the elections of February

Though retaining his par
1962 Borg Olivier's Nationalist mentary seat he had sints for
Party won 25 official 50 seats in in virtual retirement,
the House, and he agreed to Borg Olivier mistried,
become Prime Minister sgain, 1943, Alexandra, nee Mat
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British Government ashounced daughter.

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Throughout his period office he pursued a stren pro-Western line. In 1953 ()) had already accepted Na; Hasdquarters Alked For Mediterranean (HAFMED), the island and though he cobe prickly on occasions—when during his first terms. Prime Ministrar he had alm Prime Minister he had alm refused to come to the Quee Coronation over what he s as a slight to Malra in atrangements — his intent well as arrategic reasons, well as arrategic reasons, we always to keep British true in Malta. But he was not a to halt the rundown of Brit defence expenditure in island and the reduction of the standard of of the stand long established and ma component of the Malt economy was a threat to colory was a threat to colory both; to his National administration and the which followed it.

In 1971 his defeat in general election by Minto Labour Party anded nine ye of Nationalist rule and B. Givier became Leader of Opposition Though he gave: Nationalist Party a free vote. Parliament in 1974 on the or one vote.

Mr Mintoff's Malia Lebour Party was returned to power, and Borg Olivier became leader of the opposition, a post which he held until the trisis of 1958 when Mr Mintoff resigned Borg Olivier refused to take over and in 1959 the constitution of Malia was suspended and the island was ruled directly by the Colonial Office through the Consecutive general election Governor, until the new constitution came into force in 1962.

In the elections of February Though remaining his pai

#### MR I. M. PARSONS

Mr I. M. Persons CBE, Chair- his authors and personally to man of Chatto and Windus Ltd - endless trouble over design s from 1954, to 1974, died on October 29. He was 74.

By his death the publishing world has lost one of its most brilliant members, and the world at large a man whose zest for life and personal charm will be missed among a wide circle of friends. ....

Ian Macnaghtan Rarsons was born on May 21, 1906, the only son of the late Edward Percival Parsons of Pont Street, SW. From Winchester, where he was a commoner, he went up to Trinity College Cambridge was ater awarded a senior scholar-ship and obtained a first class in the English Tripos. He also edited The Granta In 1928 he

edited The Granta. In 1928 he entered the publishing firm of Chamo and Windus and two years later was taken into partnership.

Although this was still a comparatively small firm it had come to the front again in the decade following the First World War ander, the first World War under the direction of Charles Prennice Harold Raymond They had an unrivalled list of suthors and were in the van of modern book-designing. Here was a fine opening for a young man and Parsons brought to it great business ability com-bined with a devotion to English literature, superabundant energy and no lack of ideas. energy and no face of meas.
During the middle 1930s he was
the prime mover in launching
Night and Day, a brilliant,
weekly which was bidding fair
to being the British counterpart
of The New Yorker until some
unfortunate, litigation brought it to an untimely end.

On the outbreak of war in . September 1939 Parsons and his wife immediately joined the Auxiliary Fire-Service in London and in the following year he took a commission in the RAFVR. He served in France on staff duties and intelligence work until the evacuation and again in that country after the invasion of Normandy. It was his great regret that he was not accepted he was now 34 for operational flying. He attained the rank of wing commander and was appointed OBE.

In the expansion of publishing and the growth of adminis-trative problems after the war Parson took a leading part. Chatto and Windus was formed into a limited company as was also the Hogarth Press and Christophers which had taken into association with the older firm. Parsons became chairman in 1954 upon Ray. mond's retirement. His individual mark was especially vinial mark was especially seen in the publications of members of the Cambridge English School, in a discerning and often adventurous thoice of contemporary postry, and in a number of books on agrial warfare. He was a vigilant but kindly critic of members of the Cambridge
English School in a discerning and often adventurous choice of contemporary
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and advanced to CBE in 1948

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### The night sky in November

Mercury will be at inferior con-inction on the 3rd and will reach reatest morning elongation on the 9th, when it will rise nearly two ours before the Sun but the littude will remain low.

oe ours before the Sun wat ame to the letter venus remains a prominent us. A bject in the morning sky, rising sarly t about 04h. Very close to Saturn a the 4th. On that morning there ill be within only a few degrees, was weet to east. Jupiter, the pear in or wimin only a few degrees, on west to east, Jupiter, the re is loon, Saturn and Venus. Sunon the se will be at about 07h.

I that Mars will be too close to the iddlet in for observation, though still the prevening car.

hat t Jupiter, in Virgo, will be rising intrar t about 02h30m in mid-month and drawing near to Saturn, which exceeds in brightness by two

drawing near in Saturn, when exceeds in brightness by two id a half magnitudes.

Saturn will be rising soon after piter and only three degrees om it, with a fourth magnitude ar between them early in the both. It will be less bright than a neighbouring Venus by over ut magnitudes.

Uranus will be in conjunction the the Sun on the 18th.

Neptune will be too near the in for observation.

The Moon: new. 7d21h; first arter. 15d16h; full. 22d07h; content quarter, 29d10h. The Moon in lutil occult (pass in front of) the ight star Aldebaran on the 22nd, law ich will disappear at about

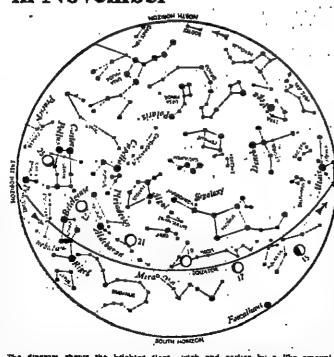
to se 143m and reappear at about to se 143m and reappear at the west ought to at about 21h 20m, exact times pending upon the location of the observer. y the coloring upon the location of sent cligot: approximate times of pretec ming minima are 19d21th and ilege 13h. a from lovember is the month associa-

with the Leonid meteors. minat teors as such were discussed the August notes with special erence to the Perseids, which is may rided a rewarding shower for may read observers in the early exact the rides of the 12th. ld mar he radiant of the Leonids is in papers, head of Leo (or the hook of com Sickle), and this is not satis-

spoile ust as the Perseids are associawith a comet and follow a ot be chetary orbit, so are the Leonids, Party net 1868 I, and when the Earth a laisses that orbit the planet and en , meteoroids are moving in is e outre directions, giving a high

il after midnisht.

Shador ed encounter. idea nomenal, almost like a snowper w m, and that started the real ly of such events. Historians ced backwards for nearly a d years and found that November displays had usand years and



occurred at intervals of 33-34 years with, of course, some meteors every November. The elliptical orbit stretches out as far as the planet Uranus, and although meteoroids are scattered throughout, giving something each year, there is a great bunch of them with the 33-year period.

The 1833 event was not repeated though 1866 was quite active; 1899 and 1932 each produced more meteors than in an average year. but nothing spectacular. There was a short brilllant display in 1966. seen from the United States but it was after sunrise in the United

The maximum for this, ordinary. The maximum for this, ordinary, year is predicted for the morning of the 17th, but there should be some activity for two days before and after. There will be little point in observing until well after midnight; if the observer stays up long enough there will be a rewarding display of planets in the east (see Venus above).

Is now useful for readers to keep back issues of the monthly map. For the positions of the Moon and the more quickly moving planets, only the current map will do, but for the location of constellations those of previous months are suitable. For the next three months the Sun will set before 17h (how nice

it is to have the clock saying 5 pm!) and the stars should be well out by 18h. This month's map, however, is timed for 23h. The map for September applies also to November 1st at 19h and percentages at 17h and is there. December 1st at 17h, and is there-fore suitable for use in those months soon after dark. A little later in the evening the October map is correct for the 1st of this mouth at 21h. As each fortuight passes a map will apply to one hour earlier; this fact appears under the map in small print each 25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, Nov 1, 1955

Princess's statement

The following personal message was exceed by Princess Margaret from Clarence House last night:
"I would like it to be known that I have decided not to marry have been aware that, subject to have been aware that, subject to my renouncing my rights of suc-cession, it might have been pos-sible for me to contract a civil marriage. But, mindful of the Church's teaching that Christian marriage is indissoluble, and con-scious of my duty to the Commonwealth, I have resolved to put these considerations before any

others."
The message, signed "Margaret", was dated Monday, October 31.

Latest wills

Mrs Marjorie Smurthwaite, of Twickenham, London, left estate valued at \$177.304 net. After per-sonal bequests she left the residue equally between \$1 Dunstans, the Greater London Fund for the Greater London Fund for the Bilind, Royal National Mission to Deep See Fishermen, People's Dispensary for Sick Animals and Royal British Lezion. Other estates include (net, before 

Memorial services

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Walter Anthony Levinge Michell was held at St Bride's, Floet Street, yesterday. Prebendary Dewi Morgan officiated assisted by the Rev T. Saunders. Mr George Barranger read the lesson and Mr John Marriott gave an address. Among

Mr W. A. L. Michell

in those present were:

Ars Michell (widow) Mr Christopher

Michell (son) Mr and Vis D Thisopher

(son) Mr and Mr Sellier

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Mr M. J. Hussey (vice-chairman. Times Newspapers Holdings). with Mr Donald Eurett Internaling directory and the Colin Co

He himself might well be

been a writer of note. His o books were Shades of Alba (1928): The Progress of Poet (1936): Poetry for Pleasu (1956): Men Who March Au (1965), an anthology of poet of the First World War; Poet of C. Day Lewis (1977); at The Collected Works of Isa Rosenberg. These selection have admirable critical intr

ductions. Parsons was also a singular good reader of poetry and brilliant speaker. This last we achieved the hard way on his intimates knew how muc effort he put into those wit and witty addresses the and easily.

He was a director of Hunte and Foulis Ltd. the Edinburg printers, and of the Repril Society Ltd. From 1957-59 h was a most acceptable President of the Publishers Asse. ciation and in the year following he was foremost it organizing the case for the pull lishers and booksellers in the lishers and booksellers in the action in 1962 in the Restrictive Practices Court, and the successful result for those proessions was largely due to

Parsons was a Director of the Scottish Academic Press from 1969 to 1976 and of Sussex University Press from 1971 to 1976. He was Chairman of Sprint Productions Ltd as well as being a Joint Chairman of Charto. Bodley Head and Jonathan Capes, Ltd. He became Court Assistant. the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Co in 1977. He had been awarded an Hon DList-from the University of Si Andrews in 1975 and was advanced to CBE in 1971. Although he took no active

ct in politics his sympathi had been with socialism stace his undergraduate days, and found expression in unchira sive work for others. And the many calls on his time and energy he long continued take a class in English literature at the Working Man & College and he designed the college and he designed. College and had many friend there. A capacity for friend there. A capacity for trience ship was perhaps his greates gift. He was a much liker member of the Garrick Club. Among his many activities his was a keen gardener, a good traveller, and fond of yaching when he had the opportunity He married, in 1934, Marjori Tulip Ritchie, an artist o distinction. There were in children of the marriage.

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2 £250,000. During the ith there were 93 fires costmore than £40,000.

irds Eye Foods and Wall's

Cream are to merge and a new company Birds Eye is on January 1. They are id leaders, with Birds Eye ag about 40 per cent of the in foods market and Wall's

ats Paton, the threads yany, maintained worldwide volume in the first half 1980 but exchange moves, higher interest charges reduced margins left preprofits down from £31.0m 26.7m. The interim dividend ld at 20 27088.

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### UK in wrangle over quotas for steel tubes

Luxembourg, Oct 30

The prolonged struggle to introduce a system of compulsory production limits for the European steel industry ran into further trouble tonight because of an unexpected wrengle bet-ween Britain and West Germany over the rules that should apply to steel produced as a raw material for tubes.

Whereas Britain left the meeting convinced that only seed destined for wide diameter tube production should be exempted from production quotas, it emerged today that Germany believes that steel made as a raw material for any sort of tube should be produced free of constraint.

. This idea which in British eyes amounts to a severe cir-cumvention of the planned quota system, was condemned at a further meeting of the industry ministers today by Mr Adam Burler, the British Mini-ster of State for Industry.

It was however, enthuisstically supported by Dr. Ono Lambsdorff, the German economics minister, who has been battling for the past three and a half weeks to have steel pro-duction in the EEC subject to as few limitations as possible.

At one point early in the meeting German delegation sources were claiming that British insistence on a narrow definition over the tube issue would force Dr. Lambsdorff to leave the meeting to seek further guidance at next Wednes-day's session of the cabinet in

Before today's meeting began Mr Butler made clear that he would only make concessions on proposed steel quotas if they led to a final agreement on the

Unions walk out

of textile talks

Representatives of textile and clothing workers throughout the EEC walked out of a meeting with the European Commission today in disgust at what they felt was lack of concern about the threat to the industry from chean imports.

industry from cheap imports. Before going into the meet-ing, Mr. Alec Smith, chairman of the TUC's textile, clothing,

and footwear industries com-mittee, accused the Com-mission of being "either deliberately complacent or

downright incompetent or downright incompetent. After-wards, he reduced the charge to one of "deliberate com-placency".

Mr Smith said textile workers

might have no choice but to

make a "dramatic gesture"

such as seeking support from

transport and dock workers

throughout the EEC for a

blockade of cheap textile

What especially annoyed Mr

Smith and his colleagues was the status of officials sent to talk to them. The official who

chaired the meeting had been in Brussels for only a few months and confessed he knew little about the textile industry.

The textile unions were con-

cerned at the failure of the in-ternational General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade's multi-

fibres arrangement to restrict cheap imports and are anxious that the Commission should open negotiations soon on tougher measures to succeed the

arrangement when it expires at

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des reach £100m scheme today.

Referring to the problem of special steels on which agreement could not be reached last plers for undersea teleinhibitor 150m were and the standard sectorary by Standard Hephones & Cables, the III begins, bringing the company total of such orders in Saturday because of German insistence that they should be med from quota restric-Mr Butler said that he exempted had taken a strong line at the while consumption last meeting and intended to by 4.2 per cent...

Brussels, Oct 30

take a strong line again today.

He said that Britain might be able to accept some small changes to its stand that special steel production should be subject to quota, but in general the more exemptions granted, the greater the leakage there would be in the Commission's plans which are intended to end the ruinous price war in European steel

The Commission today produced a compromise suggestion in the hope of satisfying West in the hope of satisfying West German demands that its small and medium sized special steel producers should be exempted om quote restrictions.

It proposed that the producshould apply to individual com-panies should be raised to 2,000 tonnes a month from 1,000 tonnes in the original proposals put forward by Viscount Etienne Davignon, the industry commissioner, on October 6.
But Dr Lambsdorff dismissed the new suggestion as a "negligible improvement". He claimed that only one West German manufacturer of rolled

special steels would benefit from the move. However, a German counterproposal to azempt from quotas only the high value alloyed special steels, ran into firm British opposition.

The Germans claim that such steels, which account for about 80 per cant of their special steel production, should be exemp-ted from quotas to prevent penalization of small companies, many of which depend heavily on special steel production and some of which have healthy

Mr Butler, however, aware of slumping orders and mounting losses among the mainly privately-owned special steel producers around Sheffield, made what was described as a "very strong intervention" emphasizing that Britain attaches great importance to the imposition of importance to the imposition of quotes on special steels. while consumption of coal fell

### W Germany and UDS to close 100 menswear shops

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

parent company, stores, the parent company, announced that the Alexandre name would disappear but the John Collier name would continue.

The menswear operation will in future be known as John Collier Menswear instead of UDS

A merger of two of the best known menswear chains, John Collier and Alexandre, was announced yesterday. It will lead to the closure of more than 100 shops and the loss of about 100 shops and 100 shops a hit trade badly, especially men's and women's clothing— but part of a rationalization programme begun several years

In the first half of the Tailoring, In Scotland the current financial year UDS claude Alexander name will disappear and be replaced by John Collier.

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, the in the first half of the current financial year UDS current financial year UDS current financial year UDS from the financial year

menswear recorded a trading loss of fim against a £500,000 profit in the corresponding period of last

Under the changes planned about 25 of the shops affected will continue in business under the names of other UDS retail outlets and the rest will close.

UDS said that the rational-

ization of the menswear operation formed a part of its longer-term strategy which had in-volved reshaping the group's manufacturing operations.

The executives also suggested that the prime rate will fall to 11.3 per cent by the end of the year and average 10.76 per

cent next year. They said the

Dow Jones average—now at around 930—was likely to end 1980 at 956, average 987 in 1981 and 1,054 in 1982.

Concern about the sustainability of the recovery has

been voiced by some economists

who have been studying in-

Argus Research, in a new report, predicted today that the

severe summer drought will lead to gains of 15 per cent in

consumer food prices in 1981, compared to increases this year

or 8; per cent.

Citicorp economists now believe that the fourth quarter economic growth, as indicated by today's composite index data, will be stronger than had been widely anticipated earlier.

flation prospects.

of 81 per cent.

talks next week with management to reduce the number of Ten years ago UDS operated 13 factories making ready-to-wear clothes for its retail out-lets. Since the beginning of redundancies. this year that has been reduced to one factory, at Hartlepool, employing 800.

improved severance payments for those workers who will lose

It would also try to secure

retail outlets and the John Collier name was considered the strongest of the three.

ditions have not helped but it was our plan to make this rationalization anyway", he

Mr Terry Sullivan, Usdaw's national officer for the mens-wear trade, said last night that the union would attempt in

"The present trading con-

Financial Editor, page 17

### Coal stocks

for six years By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

highest

Coal stocks are at their highest level for six years. This reflects the reduced level of demand from the Central Electricity Generating Board and the steep fall in demand from the steel industry.

Department of Energy statistics published last night showed that the CEGB is now holding stocks of coal at its power stations totalling nearly 19 million tonnes, the highest level for two years, while total stocks at the end of September amounted to 35.1 million tonnes.

The levels of stocks moved up by 2.2 million tonnes between August and September, with about half of the increase accounted for by a build up at power stations, with most of the balance accounted for by a build up of undistributed stocks hald at collieries and open cast

The NCB expects to sell about 6 million tonnes of coal less than it did last year and that the industry has seen in the last 18 years, in an effort to maintain its cash flow the the NCB is now selling coal unprofitably in export markets.

In the three month period to September, coal production rose by 2.2 per cent to 28.4million tounes, compared with the corresponding period of last year. The Department of Energy said that in the period June to August this year overall energy consumption fell by 6.6 per cent compared with the same period tion was down by 10.6 per cent

### Technology role for minister is confirmed

By Kenneth Owen Technology Editor

The Department of Industry has announced that Mr Adam-Butler is to be Minister of State with responsibility for information technology.

The department said: "Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, has decided upon a reallocation of minisupon a reallocation of minis-terial responsibility within the department to provide a single-focus for all work on informa-tion technology. Mr Adam Butter, Minister of State will

undertake this role". Work on information tech-nology has been shared between nology has been shared between the two departmental ministers of state, Mr Butler and Lord Trenchard. Mr Butler was res-ponsible for Eritish Tele-communications and for the projected legislation to liberal-ing the existing telecommunicaze the existing telecommunica-

ize the existing relecommunica-tions monopoly.

Lord Trenchard had responsi-hility for computer hardware and software, capital electronics equipment. consumer elec-tronics and office automation. These responsibilities will now be combined under Mr Butler's administration. administration.

The change was foreshadowed last month in a report by the government's Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development (ACARD) which that "one recommended that "one minister and government department should be responsble for coordination of government policies and actions on the promotion and development of information technology and its applications ".

Sir Keith has decided that responsibility for the usage of microelectronics is to remain with Lord Trenchard. The ACARD view was that informs. tion technology was "perhaps the most important area of application of

tronics " In exchange for relinquishing the other elements of information technology, Lord Trenchard is to take over responsibility for British Leyland from Mr Butler. He will advise Sir Keith on the BL corporate plan which has recently been sub

mitted to the department. The world market for inforestimated to be about £50,000m. growing at 10 per cent a year. ACARD sees a significant British presence in this market as essential for future indusprovide many new jobs to re-place those in declining industries.

Getting the message across

### US indicator points to recovery

US Economics Correspondent

Washington, Oct 30

The composite index of leading indicators on important guide to future American economic trends—rose by 2.4 per cent in September after a 1.7 per cent edvance in August. It has increased in each of

the past four months, and the trend for the half year is similar to the one in 1975 when it pointed to sustained although sluggish recovery from recession. The index stands at 133.6 (1967 = 100).

The Department of Commerce noted that only two of the 10 components of the index registered declines in September, these being orders for plant and equipment and the money supply in constant 1972 dollars. The main reason for

Wall Street

drops by 11

busy trading

The Dow Jones industrial

iverage fell 11.43 points to

917.75 on the New York Stock

Exchange yesterday on trading

in more than 39 million shares.

Analysts said that with in-terest rates expected to rise and she outcome of the Presidential election hanging in the balance, there was little to stimulate buying.

Proposals in the Canadian

budget to acquire up to 50 per cent of oil and gas production—

and some companies our ight— caused a setback for oil and gas stocks.

One broker said of tha

Canadian measures: "The oils

have been the big winners in the market and it got to them.

think it just demoralized the

The market drop brought the industrial average below 920, which had been considered a

support level and there is now a feeling that the average could drift down to 900.—AP—Dow

trader.'

in manufacturing employment. The New York Conference Board added support to the recomposite index by announcing that its help-wanted advertising index rose by 5 per cent in September to mark the largest

monthly gain this year.

This is a useful yardstick in measuring labour demand and it now stands at 122 (1967 equals 100), compared to levels of 154 in January and 167 one year ago.

year ago.
A Conference Board survey
of senior financial executives
American companies found little optimism of a sub-Real gross national product in 1981 was seen as rising by no more than 1.3 per cent. Slight moderation in inflation to a GNP deflator level of 9.2 per cent. Sugar forcess. cent was forecast.

**Prediction of still higher** 

From Frank Vogl Washington, Oct 30

A leading Wall Street expert has predicted that the prime lending rates of the main American banks will reach 15.5 per cent by the and of the year. Mr John Paulus, an economist at Goldman Sachs and Com-

pany, made the forecast as the banks raised their prime rates

from 14 to 14.5 per cent. He said he expected the prime to lower. One source of pressure in the

capital and money markets in coming weeks will be govern-ment borrowing. Mr Robert Carswell, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, said that the treasury intended to maintain a consistent and regular financing pattern rather than chop and change strategies in line with market developments.

Meintaining a regular schedule would add to confidence while any other strategy would simply add to the sub-stantial volatility already evident in the markets.

Mr Carswell announced that total estimated net borrowing by the treasury would be \$25,300m (£10,300m) in the

### prime rates by year-end final 1980 quarter, with borrow-ing in the first 1981 quarter likely to range between \$18,000m and \$22,000m.

This latter estimate does not assume a tax cut that Congress may enact and which would increase borrowing require-Mr Carswell said that the

treasury was continuing with its three-pronged approach of raising cash through short-term and medium-term notes and

Next week the treasury will ofter \$3,750m of 31-year notes, \$2,250m of 10-year notes and \$2,000m of 30-year bonds.

The treasury and the United States Budget Office released estimates of the budget deficit for the 1980 fiscal year which ended on September 30. Unended on September 30. Unemployment in the last couple
of months was lower than forecast and that resulted in the
deficit coming in \$2,000m below
the estimate made by the White
House in July. The deficit for
the last fiscal year was the last \$59,000m.

United States Treasury tax recelpts in the last fiscal year totalled \$520,000m, while government spending amounted to \$579,000m.

### European banks offer money for home loans By Margaret Pagano

provide loan funds of £100m for the launch of Skandia Finan-

cial Services.

Skandia Financial Services will provide the ordinary home buyer with mortgage facilities and offer commercial loans. The company and Skandia UK The company and Skandia UK Insurance, its sister company, dential mortgages up to L50,000 and commercial mortgages up to Skandia Insurance group of to £200,000, with repayment Stockholm, one of the largest periods ranging over 25 years

The interest rate on loans Southampton. Birmi will be 15.5 per cent; and the Leeds and Manchester. loans will be linked to Skandia's The Scandinavian bank.

Two leading European banks have joined forces to fill the gap in the British mortgage market left by the recent shortage of building society funds.

Applications submitted to a credit committee for selection. Mr Cohen, a former engineer. and Mr John Engestrom his fellow directors at Shortage. were 18 months ago by two first came up with the idea on which Skandia Financial Services is based 18 months ago and the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas have undertaken to provide loan funds of £100m for the loan funds of £100m for the loan.

They then approached Mr Ronald Williams, treasurer and vice-president of the America Household Finance Corporation. who three mouths are joined them as managing director. The chairman is Mr Harold Rieck. The company will offer resi Stockholm, one of the largest insurance groups in northern Europe with assets of more than £2,600m.

The parent company will have a 60 per cent stake in the company, the Scandinavian bank will have 15 per cent and Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas 25 per cent.

The interest rate on loans will be 15.5 per cent; and the Leeds and Manchester.

loans will be linked to Skandle's insurance policies. Anyone from council tenants wishing to buy their own homes to accountants their own homes to accountants a practice would be

#### Societies looking for a two point cut in MLR By Margaret Stone ire now increasing to eight (

Minimum lending rate would have to drop at least two percentage points before building societies could contemplate a reduction in their interest rates. Sir Oliver Chesterton, chairman of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, said yesterday. Sir Oliver pointed out that even after a cut in MLR had been made, there would be a wait of one or two months before building societies brought their rates down.

On the other hand, Sir Oliver had more optimistic views about the housing market. He said it was likely to show signs of

it was likely to show signs of savings media "will natural recovery within the next six months and advised prospective the retail price which we have

buyers to bring their purchase dates forward.

Evidence of returning activity in the housing market is most noticeable not in house prices, which are not showing much which are not showing much change at the moment, but in the slight lengthening of mortgage queues. In parts of the South-east, where the Woolwich

Minimum lending rate would have to drop at least two percentage points before building occieties could contemplate a reduction in their interest rates, bir Oliver Chesterton, chairman of the Woolwich Equitable building Society and society anamed and society and society and society and society and society believed inflation would condown. But he acknowledge that others would, although I felt that the impact on societiis likely to be short, if He gave warning, howeve

that any further extension index-linking or any or aggressive use of Nation Savings media "will natural have the effect of forcing the retail price which we have

bunters to take advantage the present "buyer's market." A recovery in the housi market could cause mortga queues to lengthen beyond t is a big lender, six-week queues present six weeks.

### Mr Maxwell Joseph sells 10 pc of Grand Met shares

ian suits in Britain. These were being sold at £7.50 each when the wool content alone was worth £15. But Brussels had Mr Joseph, who made about flm from the disposal of his 540,000 shares, is believed to be using the funds to reduce his bank borrowings. Grand Met's results are due in January and the closed season for have been lost in the textile and clothing industries since the start of the year, mainly because of cheap imports.

Although unions ecognize that this is partly the result of the strong pound, they also allege failue by the Commission to apply the Gatt arrangement reply the Gatt arrangement Earlier this week it emerged to M. P. Ken that Mr. Joseph would also be ings and rais Textiles competition, page 16 willing to sell his 23 per cent expenditure.



Mr Stanley Grinstead, managing director of Grand Mer, has also sold 50,000 of his 116,000 shares, raising £83,000, which he said would be used for his personal financial and tax liabilities.

uary and the closed season for directors dealings under the Stock Exchange's guidlines, starts in about two weeks.

its referral to the Mono-polies Commission.

Meanwhile, Mr Joseph's other hotel group, Norfolk Capital, of which he is also chairman, has seen a strong upward price movement recently, rising from 35p to 44p and providing speculation that a takeover bid may also be on the way for it. Mr Joseph owns 3.7 million of the 19 million shares.

Last year Norfolk made pretax profits of £914.000 on £8.6m turnover. Earlier this month it sold its subsidiary, Bristol and West Hotel for £1m to M. P. Kent to reduce berrow. seen a strong upward price

to M. P. Kent to reduce berrow-ings and raise funds for capital

#### Halfway stage in SE inquiry By Our Financial Staff

The Stock Exchange con-firmed last night that its disciplinary committee had finished the second of a four-stage investigation concerning Mr Keith Catchpole, senior dealer with Henderson Crosthwaite, stock-brokers. A confidential hearing relates to certain dealing matters which took place some

Stock Exchange inquiries fall into four stages. The first is a committee of inquiry which determines whether there is a case to answer. It then moves to the SE's disciplinary committee after which the lawyer to the committee produces their find-

ings and a judgment.

The subject of the inquiry then has seven days in which to lodge an appeal which would be heard by the Appeals Committee. The procedure finally moves to the full Council of the Stack Exchange for decision.

### to Nuwair investment the Edg of deat year. 22 yesterday acquired British textile unions said they complained to the Comission Massurance, bringing its sion more than a year ago interest to 5.005 per cent, about the dumping of Roman-PRICE CHANGES

13p to 343p 29p to 256p 18p to 882p 7p to 123p 15p to 493p otropic 17 to 31p

Gold Fields 10p to 661p
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me Hidgs 3p to 34p 7p to 348p 7p to 353p 35p to 708p 5p to 168p 5p to 585p 50 to 260 70 to 4750 80 to 839 60 to 1760 10 to 110 isilu lays Bank e Grp ater Corp 'ton Viy THE POUND Bank Imrs 2,12 34,09 76,50 2,92 14,64 64,9,52 10,93 1,77 177,00 12,56 1,170,00 538,00 Gld 5,15 sells 2.05 32.15 72.00 2.84 14.04 11.95 121.00 2.06 178.00 Norway Kr 12.50
Portugal Esc 127.00
Eouth Africa Rd 2.20
Spain Pia 185.00
Sweden Kr 10.70
Switzerland Fr 4.30
USA 5 2.50
Yugoslavia Dar 81.50 10.25 4.09 2.43 27.00

taken no action.

Shop stewards at both have said that they will accept the overall result but there are fears that the extent of the shopfloor support for a strike with a better offer. "Nobotics of the shopfloor support for a strike with a better offer." in their plants could force them to change their minds.

Mr Alec Smith: European

In Britain, some 70,000 jobs

" deliberately com-

Among the major plants which voted against a strike were Rover and Land-Rover at Solihull, two Rover feeder plants in Birmingham, and laguar Coventry and its Castle Bromwich body plant

Mr Hawley, who leads the union side of BL Cars' joint negotiating committee said: "The voting at the major plants is a complete rejection of the company's offer and clearly shows the great recentment felt by the great resentment felt by our members.

"The paltry offer of 6.8 per

Yesterday's meeting of 10.000

Longbridge workers was a per-sonal triumph for Mr Jack Adams, who replaced Mr Derek Robinson as convener and chairman of the unofficial combined shop stewards' committee after the company's dismissal of Mr Robinson in Februssal



The Metro was a magnificent an insulting wage offer.

deserved something better than

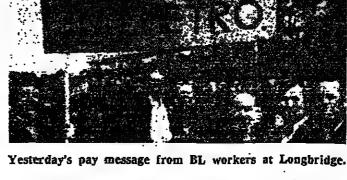
### BL workers vote for strike over 6.8 pc offer

workers, led to speculation that if they decide to take unilateral action other plants will be forced to stop production.

The paltry offer of 6.8 per cent coming after 5 per

He said that even at this stage the unions hoped that management would come back with a better offer. "Nobody wants a strike at BL."

Mr Adams said that since "public last autumn BL workers had resulting lost purchasing power worth £26 a week. He accused the The Me management of pursuing a



"public showpiece policy". car, made possible by workers' resulting from Government cooperation, and their effort



### Mission pushes UK trade in Zimbabwe

Mr Kenneth Purnell, leader of a 20 man trade mission from Eirmingham has been championing British industry this week during a visit to Zimbabwe.

He said the message he wanted to put was that Britain could deliver the goods. "One of the effects of the recession back home has been the streamlining of the workforce, which now allows us to give firm delivery dates, and companies intend sticking to them," he

He added: "Furthermore. productivity is rising while in flation is coming down. More and more factories in Britain large and small are going over to new and more automated plant machinery."

Mr Purpell said there were too many prophets of doom among the international press who were painting a distorted picture of the Zimbabwean economy, as they had done of the Britis heconomy. "Their emphasis always seemed to be what was going wrong instead of looking at positive develop-

#### Record car exports

Japanese motor vehicle ex-ports in September rose 10.2 r cent to 516,289 from 468,400 in August and 29.4 per cent from 399.086 a year earlier, the Japan Automobile Manufact-urers Association said in Tokyo. The September total, a record for the month, comprised 246,787 passenger cars, 163,708 trucks and 5,794 buses.

#### True price of coal

Prices paid for Australian coal should more accurately reflect its true international value as an oil alternative. Mr Jim Kirk, Esso Australia chairman and managing director sald in Melbourne. He told a conference on investment opportunities that coal prices were mainly based on a cost-plus calculation.

#### Finns halt TV tubes Finland will stop making tele-rision colour tubes at the end

of the year after losses of more thán S100m (about £24m) in k I three years of manufacturing in cooperation with was Hitachi, according to a state-lobl ment by the nationally owned hear subsidiary Finnvalco.

#### Price rise steadies

Hongkong's "A" and "B" tousumer price indices rose 0.6 per cent in September, the same August census and statistics lepartment figures show. The September "A" index stood at on 165 against August's 164 while y, o. he "B" index stood at 164 to rior gainst last month's 163.

### Early retirement plan

at il Automobiles Peugeot SA is arati spected to put a plan to trade nd timions on November 3, calling texts or voluntary early retirement \$ 90 or 2,500 of its 65,000 workers, may amion sources said in Paris. ge this eugeot plans to meet the in that day but will not dis-lose the agenda.

anctions talks call

Mr Massyosbi Ito, the Japanoe se foreign minister, has called
to the processors consultations between heles span, the United States and ue. A se nine countries of the Euro-early san Economic Community on ave g is future of their economic pear inctions imposed against the re troviet Union. He spoke after on thiports that West German that aders had sold 500.000 romes iddles grain-based animal feedhat muffs to the Soviet Union.

#### ederal bank backed

The West German Federal ink should maintain present ink should maintain present onetary and foreign exchange ilicies aimed at stability, the est German Wholesale and oreign Trade Association said a statement from Bonn. The sociation disagrees with the leg rumn report of the five leading German economic institutes, used earlier this week.

#### conte viss expansion

ip lu The Swiss National Bank will is habily set a target for expannbably set a target for expan-n of the monetary basis again 1981. Mr Fritz Leutwiler, the ought ak president said in Berne.
y the cha target would not diverge nent to a larger would not diverge preter it set for this year, he added.

#### fro lian production

minal famufacturing output in Italy ions ing the past three months in ML 1980 will fall about 48 per run et over the same period last exact r. Confindustria, the id martional Industry Association, paper dicted in Rome. This, in real con ns, reflects an expected fail business activity during the spoile quarter.

### ot be dian steel project

na la he Indian Government anthen need in New Delhi that it in is e set up a high level intershado isterial group to negotiate idea in collaboration for builiper w a steel plant in the eastern of Orissa. Some British West German companies to reduce its costs by 10 per expressed interest in the cent for every ship it built next

#### Collaboration with Canadians denied as UK industry faces cutbacks

### Finns discount newsprint price fears

Leaders of Finland's paper industry have refuted suggestions from British printing unions that the continued rundown of newsprint production in the United Kingdom would allow foreign sup-pliers jointly to force up prices.

Equally strong views are held in Fin-land, however, that some British news-papers could afford to pay more for their newsprint and that price rises will be sought next year to cover the rapidly increasing costs of Finnish mills. Mr Carl Christian Rosenbroijer, vice-

chairman of the board of Finopap, the sales association for 18 Finnish paper companies, said it was association policy that the Finns would not collaborate with the Canadians—who traditionally have set the pace in Britain—on prices. It has been alleged in the past that during their annual meetings Nordic and

Canadian papermakers have come agreement on future pricing policies. Mr Rosenbroijer said that this was not the case; such action would be against North American anti-cartel regulations.

Finnpap, the world's largest paper exporter, is itself currently involved in an investigation by the European Commission into the sales methods of the Nordic newsprint producers. Officials in Brussels are studying the manufacturers' present system of channelling EEC sales through

Managing Correspondent

. Government policies would be

better directed if they helped clothing manufacturers to be-

come more compenitive instead of protecting them against im-ports, according to a report by the Consumers' Association pub-

lished yesterday. At the very least there should be some analysis of likely consequential

costs before tighter import con-

A swift retalization describing the report as "misguided and

highly selective, came from Mr

Alec Smith, the general secre-tary of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers.

"Instead of tilting rather poorly at windmills, the Consumers' Association would be better

advised to investigate why many of the 25 million shirts imported from Hongkong last year at an average landed price of less than £1.70 ended up in the

shops salling at as much as £10. Such imports destroy jobs in Britain, fleece the consumer and are of little benefit to the exploited workers overseas, he.

Mr Ian MacArthur, director of the British Textile Con-federation, said that the objec-

tive the industry was seeking in renewing the Multi Fibre. Arrangement must be set in a

Speaking to the Irish Tex-

tiles Federation, he asked the United States, Canada, South

Africa and Australia to accept more imports. "We have now reached a point where the EEC

can no longer go it alone in accepting ever increasing im-ports in a declining market".

By Our Management

British managers must adjust

to change and do so quickly, Mr Trevor Holdsworth, chairman of the British Institute of Manage-

ment, says in an interview in the institute's quarterly digest.

Mr Holdsworth, who is chairman of the GKN Group, said:
"We tend to want to preserve everything but clearly we cannot. We have to concentrate our flows on those things we are

efforts on those things we are good at, and new technology;

our future must depend upon our ability to sell our products and services in world markets."

overseas companies. Earlier this week he repeated

his claim that the marine equipment industry was wax-ing fat on the strength of the

His comments followed a tough warning issued at a

meeting earlier this month with

leading company represent-atives in the supply industry.

produced a storm of adverse reaction from member com-panies of the British Marine

Equipment Council, whose ex-ecutive committee has re-

quested an urgent meeting with British Shipbuilders to discuss

the issue. That meeting is ex-

pected to take place at the

Suppliers have been told by

Mr Atkinson that the company

would be much more searching

and ruthless in its purchasing policy than in the past, and

he said the company intended

beginning of next week.

Mr Atkinson's views have

shipbuilding corporation.

Correspondent

wider context.

competition urged

in place of protection

growing threat to the orderly conduct of international trade

in textiles and clothing".

The Consumers' Association

lost in other industries. It accuses British manufacturers

of failing to take advantage of

favourable sterling exchange

The report is also sceptical

Urging the Government to

about whether more stringent

controls on low cost imports would offer a solution to job less and declining output.

estimate the costs of import controls, the association says it

would be "extremely imprudent for policy makers, in siming to satisfy the vocal textile and

clothing lobby, to risk inflicting substantial damage to our ex-

port trade with developing countries". It lists three companies whose products were directly affected by Indonesian retalia-

ion to import quotes on shirts,

blouses and trousers. These are

Mabey & Johnson (steel bridges), British Leyland (buses) and British Aerospace

(passenger aircraft).

Mr B. G. Mabey, chairman of Mabey & Johnson said in a letter to The Times earlier this month that the Indonesian

If the crisis in the clothing industry is socially and politi-

nomically rational strategy would be to release resources

Regarding BIM's role in rep-

resenting management at all levels, Mr Holdsworth said that

he would like to see an economic forum tried out.

"I think it would be useful, particularly now, if we could get away from the old style of

always ending up with a wages norm, and have a real debate

about all the elements and un-certainties affecting fundamen-

tal economic decisions of that

Equipment suppliers want talks on

and wherever possible buys

Mr Atkinson, however, has stressed to the suppliers that he expects United Kingdom com-

specifications, to provide prompt deliveries and back-up

service.

He has described the in-

creases in the cost of imported

equipment and passed on to the

company as "quite unaccept-able" and said that quotations

obtained from overseas sup-

pliers for a wide range of equipment suggested that Brit-ish Shipbuilders could make

savings of between 25 and 45

Overall savings that the com-

pany could make from buying

abroad would amount to £60m a year, equivalent to half the loss made by the industry last

Mr Atkinson gave warning to suppliers that if proof emerged

that companies were quoting

lower prices to a foreign yard than to the company the future relationship between that company and British Shipbuilders

would be jeopardized.
"Your high prices are losing

us business, causing us losses. You are being feather-bedded

prices with British Shipbuilders

Industrial Editor between £500m.£600m a year
A dispute has broken out on materials and equipment,

160m a year by buying its panies to compete on commer-equipmen and auxiliaries from cial terms, to meet performance

between Britain's marine equipment industry and the Stateowned British Shipbuilders Kingdom companies.

After claims made by Mr Robert Atkinson, chairman of the company, that it could save expects United Kingdom Company.

American friends that if there to alleviate shortages of skilled to release resources to alleviate shortages of skilled to alleviate shortages

Managers 'must adjust'

rates of the 1970s.

decision by Bowater to cut 1,600 jobs and close its big newsprint operation in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, which has an annual capacity of 180,000 tonnes, and the decision by Reed Paper & Board to shed 700 workers at Aylesford, Kent, and close a newsprint machine with a capacity of 45,000 tonnes. The cuts will reduce newsprint production in the United Kingdom

by more than 64 per cent. Mr Rosenbroijer said: "I don't think the Bowater closure will in itself have any impact on price levels." The Scandingvians and North Americans had been by far the major suppliers to Britain for many years and would continue to be so. Prices paid by British newspapers were lower than anywhere in Europe and surely this would not be the case if we had collaborated with the Canadians.

In a document published earlier this month, the British printing trade union, the Society of Graphical and Alried Trades (Sogat) said that closures by Bowater and Reed would leave newspapers wholly de-pendent upon foreign suppliers who will then combine to force up prices". The balance of payments would suffer and newspapers would become more vulnerable to the effects of dock strikes or shipping

inspired currency agreement in British contracts for imported newsprint, the paper, which is priced in dollars, is being sold to newspapers in the United Kingdom at what amounts to a substantial discount

at what amounts to a substantial discoudt.

The current price for the standard 48.8 gramme, grade charged by all the importers is the equivalent of £270 per toune at the agreed exchange rate of \$2.15. But the strength of sterling means that the actual price paid by newspapers is about £233.

Mr Rosenbroijer said that, like Bowater and Reed, the Finna were facing much higher energy and wood costs than the Canadians and the currency adjustment created instability that was uncontrollable by both suppliers and users.

"Clearly some British newspapers have been doing well and easily could pay more. Others obviously would be unable to afford more. But the pressure from energy costs

more. But the pressure from energy costs will not lessen and there will be a growing

need to recover cost increases.

Last year Finaland exported 788,000 tonnes of paper to the United Kingdom, its biggest single market. Of that rotal, 374,000 tonnes was newsprint and it amounted to more than a third of newspapers' requirements.

Edward Townsend

### Aid to textile industry | Chemicals rivals press claims for gas liquids

Ministers are racing mounting pressure from oil companies to agree that natural gas liquids,

brought ashore from the pro-posed £1,100m gas gathering pipeline, should be channelled to their existing petrochemical plants. Senior officials from Esso Chemicals, Shell Chemicals, BP

says that protection against imports would at best merely delay inevitable job shedding in the British clothing industry and could result in jobs being Chemicals and ICI have ma a detailed presentation to Mr David Howell, the Secretary of State for Energy, and other ministers, including Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for

sthane, much earlier than plants planned by rival groups, with maximum benefit to the petro-chemical industry and to the economy generally.

in the Nigg area, the outcome of which is expected next week. Both companies have also laid

claim to part of the natural gas liquids which would be used in a new plant at Nagg to produce ethylene, one of the petrochemical industry's most important products. Other companies already established in the United Kingdom eay, however, that it would be easier, quicker, more economic for themselves and less costly to the Government for them to be allowed to pipe the gas liquids farther south to their facilities.

Dow unveiled its plens on lier this month, which involve the building of a £400m complex. This, the company says, would provide much acceded jobs in an area of high unemployment. Another contender for at least Another contender for at least a part of the gas liquids to be piped ashore from the new gas gathering pipeline would be Occidental, which has plans to build another facility on the Scottish coast at Peterbead.

A further possible complication is the British National Oil Corporation, which may shek in

### Directors attack CBI call for big cut in interest rate

By Patricia Tisdell Management Correspondent

quotas cost United Kingdom exporters more than £50m worth of business this year with the prospect of losing a further £50m. An attack on the Confedera-tion of British Industry's call for an immediate 4 percentage point reduction in the minimum lending rate was made by Mr Walter Goldsmith, direc-British textile producers are cally imacceptable to the also pleading for an easing of nation, national resources could imports from the United States ameliorate it by means of which they say are based on a weak dollar and unfair energy

It concludes: "A more ecotor general of the Institute of Directors last night. Mr Goldsmith said "any re-

versal of the Government's policy of monetary restraint would once again fuel inflation and seriously hinder the suc-cess of its whole economic strategy".

Mr Goldsmith, who repre-sents about 30,000 businessmen accused Sir Terence Beckett, the director general of the CBI (whose members represent companies and trade associations) of suggesting a "grossly irre-sponsible gamble" in asking for

an immediate 4 percentage point cut in MLR.

Mr Goldsmith, who was speaking at a meeting of the Hampshire branch of the institute in Southampton said; "It. would be all too easy to support the 4 percentage point cut in MLR as a short term assistance to our members. But it would be a disaster if the sucrifices already made, the redundancies

echoed the arguments of the Prime Minister and senior Treasury ministers made to industrialists. "MLR must and "An economic forum would probably help to develop a better kind of thinking and a sense of involvement and responsibility." will fall to a level more accept-able to business, but only in parallel with the Government's

Mr Robert Atkinson: high

prices at the expense of busi-

by British Shipbuilders , he added.

The BMEC is angry because it considers the criticism unfair

and claims that it has not so far

had an opportunity to put its case comprehensively to British

A spakesman for the BMEC

noted that the industry supplied

a large proportion of its output to foreign yards and was clearly

competitive despite the prob-

strength of sterling.

Shipbuilders.

borrowing. It must be a slow and a gradual process." He also voiced private reser

vations felt by many economists about the likely effect a drop in interest rates would have on the exchange rate of sterling.
"It is false to assume a large reduction in MLR will be accompanied by a sharp fall in the value of the pound.

"Any fall in sterling's value would result from a deckine of foreign confidence in the United Kingdom's anti-inflationary policies, and any advan tionary poincies, and any advan-tings in competitiveness would be offset by increased inflation.

"The high value of the point primarily results from sterling's position as a petro-currency. We cannot cap our oil wells, nor should we."

The textiles industry vester-day joined in these pleas. A telegram urging "an early and substantial cut" in the MLR was sent to the Prime Minister from the annual meeting of Registered Wool Producers at Bradford:

The British Textile Confederation has sent a written request to the Government askits worst crisis since the 1930s by cutting interest rates and curbing imports from the United States.

Mr Goldsmith, meanwhile called on business " not to over-react" in pressurizing the Gov-ernment to revise its monetary

Thorn EMI

venture into

home video

Thorn EMI has a leading role in two of three new companies which have been formed jointly with General Electric (USA) and Matsushita and JVC of Japan to launch high-

density video discs in the United States

Thorn EMI has a 372 per cent

stake in each of the first two

of these companies and will have responsibility for manage-ment of the businesses. Mr Garv

Darmail, formerly president of

EMI Videograms and a long-time film and television execu-

tive with EML is president and

chief executive of both com-

Mr Peter Laister, group managing director of Thorn BMI, said in New York yester-

day that he was confident that the VHD system would be a suc-

By Kenneth Owek

# Scotland. The chemicals companies be-lieve that their existing plants could use the large volume of natural gas liquids, especially

The rival schemes involve a

proposed Dow Chemicals petrochemical plant at Nigg Bay, on Corporation, which may seek to the Cromarty Firth, and a project by the United Kingdom-liquids to press for a stake in the petrochemicals industry Both companies have made bids for a vital piece of land

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

purchase of the ships.

PAUL SLATER.

Bermuda, 80 Cannon Street,

### Full inquiry needed into: Polish ships order

From Mr Paul Slater has as yet been provided as to the extent to which the British interest the report of the Public Accounts Committee into the infamous Polish shipping order with British Shippunders. It is now confirmed, as a

result of this investigation, that the estimated direct losses on the construction of the ships has risen from the E40m estimated in March 1980, to £68m Furthermore, it would now

liament grossly mislead by ministers of the previous-government but information provided by a senior civil servant contained significant

appear that not only was Par-

One has to question whether, wen row, the full extent of the losses on this transaction have been discovered. No information

### Putting the clock back

From Mr R. J. Crooke

Sir, Why, do we bother to turn the clocks back by one hour at this time of the year? There seem to be so many negative aspects to this policy.

The average person is deprived effectively of one hour's daylight, since no one is likely to fise one hour earlier with this time change. The lights go on one hour earlier in all homes and offices and this is surely energy inefficient.

Another, and most insportant dimension to this time change is that Britain is now one hour behind most of the Continent. For one who works in an international company, with an

national company, with an emphasis on exporting from the United Kingdom to the Conti-

United Kingdom in the Conu-nent, this is most discouraging. For example, our German office has to wait two hours before they can ring us each morning (they start at eight, which is quite common in Ger-many). This only feeds the pre-judice that the British are slow

nent. Secondly it is tough on those British export sales people who mayel frequently to the Comment. Customer insectings at 8 am frauslate it a 5 am for sale for earlier) start for the body-clock of the visitor. Clearly this must him as an entire start.

clock of the visitor. Clearly, this pure him at an omiccessary disadvantage.

Overall, these considerations and more (for example fewer traffic incidents) would justify the Government synchronizing its clocks with its EEC partners. its clocks with its EEC partners. attract the 15 percent surcharge Will they please harmonize with Many tax experts are very continental time in 1981. I unhappy about this court ruling believe we will all gain from and are disappointed that the this change and save a lot of analysis is not likely to appeal unnecessary bother and confusion (as will the airline time; some practice statement or contable planners). Indeed, extra cession, it seems this surcharge daylight time can only make us will be imposed, at least intil more optimistic psychologically a new case is taken to the and enrich our aves.

R L CROOKE.

Adam Many tax experts are very makeny and are disappointed that the carries and save a lot of interest of the courts.

ACK HARPER

#### Tax liability and covenanted payments Rrom Mr Jack Harper

Sir, The use of gifting money by tax efficient deeds of covenany losses arising from the operation of the ships by the ant is growing but how many donors realize they could be building up an unexpected extra tax bill? joint venture company estab-lished between the British and

The benefit of a covenant is that an income of, say, £1,000 the Poles. Furthermore, there must be reservations as to the ability of the Poles to make that an income of; say, 11,000 per year can be passed to a recipient who is not liable to tax, by the donor peying out only \$700 in cash each year. The \$300 per year which the donor is treated as having deducted. the repayments required under the loans provided by the British Government for the A full inquiry needs to be conducted into this whole sordid affair at which all the facts and figures surrounding this recision, is an amount of tax which the donor would have hed whole deal can be publicly distropay to the Revenue in any closesd. covenant. The result is that, by spending an additional £700 he can effectively channel £1,000 to President.
Oceanic Finance Corporation the recipient Covenants made by parents in favour of their ulumarried children who are under 18 do not have this effect. A recent court ruling, howlem for anyone making a coven-

ant who has:

1. Investment income of more than £5,000; 2. No investment income but who makes gross payments under covenant of more than £5,500; 3. Investment income of less than £5,500 but f, which, if added to the gross amount of the covenanted pay it theres; would result in a total of more than £5,500.

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### Building society members' interests

R. J. CROOKE,

Sir, Mr. Paul Twyman's article on members' rights in building societies (October 21) referred to the role of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies and quoted from one of his recent judgments in which he said that "a prime function of the registrar" is to uphold and protect members' rights "so far as his powers allow".

Perhaps the time has come to review these powers in the light of the way some societies operate. There is something wrong with the system that Sir, Mr. Paul Twyman's article

wrong with the system that in control. Wem, allows directors to rerminate. In recent years evidence has Salop.

shareholders without giving any society directorships do no reasons, that allows them to necessarily act in the interest circularise messages in support of the membership as a whole of their colleagues who are the Grays Society being the candidates in elections for most notorious example, directorships (messages which are paid for by all the membership investigated by and principles have fade bets, since they are charged to with adequate powers could be adequated by adequate towards. shareholders without giving any reasons, that allows them to the societies accounts), and that allows directors and to determine the size of the board with out reference to members so that a small self-perpetuating group can maintain themselves

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### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

### Coats Paton waits on sterling

Coats Paton's strength overseas where it nakes most of its profits is proving a mixed ilessing. For while it escapes much of the icious domestic recession in textiles, over-less earnings are steadily eroded by the trengthening pound. Ignoring the inevit-ble depreciation of soft currencies, ex-hange movements clipped £3m from half ear trading profits which would otherwise ave risen slightly, but in the event fell. J. Hepworth 2.4m to £30.2m. After interest charges up v half to £6.6m, pretax profits were down rom £31.0m to £26.7m.

Trading in the United Kingdom has been redictably tough. The hand knitting operaons are undergoing surgery and al-ngether 3,000 of the home workforca will ave gone by the year end. But much more nportant in profit terms, both continental prope and North America have mainined volumes and managed to push prices read while fatin America has had a

Coats Paton expects no further increase interest charges in the second half and similar trading pattern to the first half is

hi addition there will be a bumper crop property disposal profits in the de-essed United Kingdom—perhaps as much



William Henry, chairman of Coats Paton.

10m compared with £3.3m in 1979. So. year's profit should be close to 1979's

cluding property sales, the fully-taxed ratio is about 7.6 and the yield on a tained dividend is 10 per cent at 561p. its relatively stable thread business strong balance sheet Coats is a sound i for those prepared to wait patiently he upturn in the cycle. But sterling ins the joker in the pack and any big ment either way would have an imate impact on Coats's profits.

ncial services

#### en season foreigners

y a week now seems to pass without er overseas financial institution thinkgat the British market is paved with So far it has been the big United banks, with their long experience in sale hanking here, that have been in: nguard. But yesterday two European decided to join in the game, linking in the huge Swedish insurance group a to provide mortgages to United

im borrowers, surely becoming one most counted groups in this country. -idia, which is presumably also looking insurance pickings from granting nent mortgages, will retain 60 per the new company with 25 per cent led by Banque de Paris and des Pays-

id the rest owned by Scandinavian the London-based consortium bank hy the major Scandinavian banks." the clearing banks already nibbling t the upper end of the mortgage busind a number of United States and an banks muscling in in the middle not to mention the Trustee Savings now eagerly trying to extend its ons, the real question so far as Skanconcerned is whether it will be able. borrowers for the £100m it plans

over the next five years.

appened during the last spate of in British retail banking five years o proliferation of overseas financial. wions trying to get a share of the may well lead to a saturated market, ready Security Pacific for example

to rethink its strategy. here is no doubt that retail banking icular is very attractive at the cur-'el of interest rates while there are cantages of a retail base for United nd other foreign banks arising from k of England's thoughts on liquidity hough they are now being modified following bankers' criticisms still seem likely to penalize wholesale deposits.

At the very least all this activity on the retail front is beginning to wake up the clearing banks who have been introducing new savings accounts as if there was no tomorrow to secure a larger share of deposits in this country.

### Ahead of the game

The opening of the menswear retailing results season got off to a shaky start with the rationalization of the John Collier and Alexandre shops owned by United Drapery Stores and the suspicion that J. Hepworth' figures, showing a 13 per cent fall in profits for the year, may be the best of the bunch after various rumours about Burton's show ing when it produces figures in three

While UDS decided to close 75 shops to bring its retail outlets closer into line with operates from a single factory, Hepworth embarked on and completed that rationalization a year ago. But despite this fore sight of a colder trading climate the group was not immune to the second half setbacks which will dog the rest of the trade. Pretax profits fell from £6.6m to £5.7m while turnover rose by 20 per cent to £62m in the

year to August.
But the real damage came in the last six months when there was no help from a pre-VAT spending boom or the tax rebates that boosted last year. Profits slipped by more than 20 per cent in that period and the £391,000 contribution from W. and B. Turner, the footweer acquisition which came in for four months, was also disappointing considering that its £9m purthase helped to push up Hepworth's interest charge by £1m to £1.5m.

With prospects for the current year so far looking no more hopeful, the market's reaction which added 3p to the share price at 99p shows a definite belief that British Land will cease to regard its near 5 per cent stake as a pure investment particularly in the light of its canny timing over Dorothy Perkins and Hepworth's high street dominance. However a recent property revaluation puts Hepworth net asset value at 160p so there are probably cheaper property buys in the retail sector.

William Press

### Shortage of

William Press is clearly heading for another sticky year. The interim pretax profits of E3.2m are about £1.5m below those for last year, though they are a noticeable improve-ment on the second half of 1979. While the civerse nature of the compa ly's contractin business makes forecasts difficult, it seems unlikely that the company will than match 1979's £6.63m.

The main current problems of short term contracting but which the company warned six and which shows no sign of abatightness of the business can be from the fact that while profits were by some 32 per cent, turnover ross to the state of the state per cent to £122m.

The collapse in post tax profits is ever more noticeable. At £1.87m they are half fast year's. The main culprit is a higher tax charge of £1.34m against £1.18m brought about by a sharp fall from £462,000 to £125,000 in the amount of estimated

deferred tax. Despite an order book of around £40m. which should maintain turnover, William Press is being forced into substantial reorganization. Contracting in the south of England has been rationalized so that differen activities such as distribution and mechani cal engineering operate from one regional centre. But rationalization is not without its cost. So far this year £281,000 has been spent, and a further £2.2m could be

required before the year's end. The company is pinning its hopes on long-term demand from the British energy sector, particularly the North Sea, and on overseas contracting work such as the contract to lay mains gas pipes in Cairo. But shareholders will be fortunate if the company does better than hold the final divi

dend at the interim of 0.86p gross.

At last night's unchanged price of 291p, the shares would then yield 5.8 per cent. On that rating they look fully valued, particularly in view of the uncertainty over the inland Revenue's prosecution.

#### Technology

### Information: getting the message across

This week has seen Newport confirmed by Inmos as the site for its first United Kingdom factory and the Government give information technology a single Minister of State within the Depart-ment of Industry (DoI).

ment of laddsby (1901).

It is good that the National Enterprise Board's semiconductor company has finally been allowed to get moving with the United Kingdom part of its Anglo-American production programme; and the Government's ministerial decision is welcome also.

But how effectively are the Government and Whitehall guiding the nation's advance into the new world of information "technology? Are they ready, willing, and able to do what has to be done? To what extent is the ministerial appointment a belated admission that we have gut it wrong up.

Information technology embraces electronics, computing, information handling and telecommunications. The phrase is clearly respectable in White-hall since there is now a Dol division of that name and an interdepartmental of that name and an interdepartmental committee deliberating on the same

Thus the Whitehall machine was Thus the winterall machine was already moving towards a more streamlined organization when the Government's Advisory Committee for Applied. Research and Development (Acard) published its report on information technology last month. The report called for a single focus for information technology within government, in order to ensure that the subject received adequate attention and pent, in order to come that is development was not inhibited brough conflicting policies.

The Department of Industry now has this focal responsibility. But a streamlined Whitehall organization is clearly not enough. It is necessary, but in itself it is not sufficient.

Several things need to be done and, with an eye on developments in certain other countries, they need to be done soon. National objectives will need to be established; these could form the basis of policies and priorities.

Outside government, there is little if any commitment at present from large users of information technology to assist the British information technology industry to develop its skills. There is little evident awareness of the dramatic changes which new tech-nology is forcing on all sectors of industry. (To be precise, it is the adop-tion of the new technologies by com-petitors in other countries that is doing the forcing.) And, nationally, there is a need to exploit opportunities overseas just as actively as other countries are

Mr Adam Butler, as the new Minister of State for Information Technology, will have to make an early commitment to a positive, active role if the recent organizational changes are to have any real meaning. Some funding will be required—not the hundreds of millions of pounds that tend to be needed by BL. British Steel and Brirish Shipbuilders, but £4m or £5m could achieve a lot.

For Mr Reay Arkinson's Information

Technology Division at the Dol. the broad objectives will need to be defined by about the end of this year. Then the task for the division will be four-fold: to identify key elements in the information technology industry and apply appropriate financial support; devise a coherent pattern of research and development; bring users and suppliers together on a number of important demonstration projects; and promote the activities of the industry

in overseas markets.

Much of what the Department of Industry will be trying to do has been underlined in the Acard report, which paid particular attention to the policies of other countries.

The governments of France, West Germany and Japan are providing substantial direct financial support for information technology. Acard points out, by assisting research and development and/or financing large-scale demonstration projects.
They justify this on economic, tech-

nological and strategic grounds. A competitive national industry in growing world markets brings evident bene-fits in employment and incomes; information-technology companies generate technology which can be transferred to other industries; and because national life increasingly depends on computers it can be argued that each country should have its own computer

As an example, Acard describes the situation in France, where the government have attached a high priority to information technology or telematique.

Several highly publicated projects have been inmated there to simulate awareness of information technology, to provide the incentive and the funds for industrial development and to create the image overseas of French forward thinking and competence in

telecommunications and computing.

One project, heginning in 1981, will provide cheap video terminals in place of telephone directories to 250,000 households in a region, with the eventual intention of eliminating telephone directories throughout France. It is argued that the computer system will be cheaper and that it will have other applications.

A second project will link telephone subscribers in Biarritz by optical fibres, enabling video telephone and private television services to be distributed. Further projects include a French equivalent of the British Post Office's Prestel service, a nationwide data network, a national communica-tion satellite and a large programme

tion satellite and a large programme to introduce computers into schools. Looking to overseas opportunities, both France and Japan have government-funded organizations which aim to spread their national technologies into devaluation countries. In Parising not developing countries. In Britain, no only is our record not very good in overseas markers but, as recent events have underlined, we have a chronic

aversion to change at home.

Mr Butler, in his new role, need look no further than his own department for a particularly piquant example. Last March Mr David Mitchell, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry, announced proudly that the Dol would introduce an experi mental departmental viewdata system This introduction is proving a very slow and tedious process, such is the general opposition of the Civil Service trade unions to new technology

mance does not suffer. But that

does not necessarily mean that

they have been completely cured. Several companies admit

that in many cases they keep drinking, but more modestly.

Provided the worker gets back

Kenneth Owen

### 5,000 US companies have introduced rehabilitation programmes. Anthony Hilton reports

### Facing up to the drink problem

New York

An estimated 10 million working adult Americans, equiva-lent to 7 per cent of the labour according to the National Asso-ciation of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse in its last report to Congress. The report pur the a year (about \$20,000m) with about \$20,000m in lost production, \$13,000m in health care come and the remainder caused by crime, accidents and strains ne social services.

That report was based on 1978 information; another is due in a. few months. Meanwhile, a more recent estimate by the Institute of Medicine puts the cost even higher—at \$60,000m.

The detailed figures are open to challenge, but the existence of the underlying problem is not. It is now accepted in the United States that between 6 and 10 per cent of the work-force is either alcoholic or has a drinking problem. Governpeople are 25 per cent less productive than normal employees, which means that companies lose up to 2½ per cent of their payroll—the equivalent of \$20,000m a year.

Until 1970 the problem was ignored by industry, but the last decade has seen the large-scale introduction of policies designed to combat it. Today 5,000 mainly of the larger companies and some government agencies have employee assistance programmes, which try to identify people with a drink problem early, force them to face up to their problem and, it is hoped, take a cure.

One of the pioneers, inter-national Telephone and Telegraph, has 140,000 North American employees and, at any one time, roughly 3,000 people who are taking a course of up to two years. Firestone, the type com-pany, though much smaller, treated 3,000 in the first six years of its scheme.

Reynolds Metal, with 28,000 employees, has bad 2,000 cases in six years and is adding about 50 a month, although a proportion of these are members of employees's. families. Union Pacific, the railway company, says that in 19 years it has treated one in 10 of its payroll.

Management's change of heart has been the more drama-tic when one recalls that until recently they were terrified of be far more concerned than bad publicity and the impact they appear to be about the that their employing "alcotheft of property or the sale of

holics" might have on sales, company secret; to finance drug classes within industry, more or But today Ford and General Motors will happily discuss their programmes and Mr Jim Wrich in United Airlines' medical department, talks with justifiable pride of the 90 per cent success rate the company has curing pilots with a drink problem

Though alcoholism is now talked about openly this can-dour has its limits. Companies are by and large reluctant to discuss the associated problem of drug abuse though it is potentially as serious. Because the habit is illegal, figures are much harder to come by, but one of the few to face the issue, Professor Ken Jennings, of the University of Northern Florids, estimates that 2 per cent of the workforce are prob-ably regular drug users and may be the cause of many of the disciplinary problems on the factory floor.

Professor Jennings caused a stir a few years ago by pointing out that there were 60,000 heroin addicts below the age of Clearly, then, the problem is 25 in New York City, which was one in ten of that segment of the labour force. He went on to suggest that companies should

purchases. Some appear to have taken

the hint. One large corporation, for example, used a former addict as an undercover agent to break up a drug dealing ring in its factory. Other companies, es a matter of policy, search employees' lockers regularly and some even have Monday morning urine analysis to identify weekend drug users.

But the pressure appears to he only on hard drugs. Supervisors allegedly turn a blind eye to barbiturates and marijuana. Indeed, some suggest that they are a positive aid to workers doing bering repetitive production line jobs.

In spite of a decade of rapid the blind eye is often present there, too, especially in smaller companies. "Those of us with schenes are still a drop in the bucket", Mr Wrich, of United Airlings says. This is because Airlines says. This is because smaller companies think that they have nothing to worry about—that the disease is a problem only in certain indus-tries like coal mining, seed manufacture and heavy engineering, or professions like medicine and journalism.

The truth appears to be dif-ferent. "Our experience is that it affects all industries and



Photograph by Kelih Waldegrave

ess the same ", says Dr Paul Sherman, a consultant who advises companies wishing to set up programmes. "All I set up programmes. "All I would say is that some occupations provide more opportunity. Advertising men have many business lunches. On a night shift supervision tends to be looser."

A typical company programme concentrates on spot-ting the symptoms of continued heavy drinking—absenteeism or lateness on the shop floor; a reduced appetite for work at managerial levels—and, as these are affecting job performance, confronting the employee. "Forcing him or increasingly her to accept that their work is says. suffering often makes them face up to the fact that they need help and this makes the cure much easier. Dr Sherman

Venlo (Holland)

seniority and training an ade puste replacement can be costly. Some people are nervous about the spread of the programmes. Mr Richard Weiss at the University of Delaware in particular is concerned about the religious zeal of those citing figures for the incidence of

alcoholism and suggests that the numbers are exaggerated. He believes that many people in these schemes do not have a crinking problem at all, but because real alcoholics tend to deny the disease the more those are wrongly identifed as alcoholics protest, the more their supervisor is convinced that they need help.

In this way alcoholism gets blamed for what is in fact a failure of management. The temptation for supervisors is to channel problem workers into these schemes and then to have them dismissed when they don't subsequently "shape up". "I think these programmes ore ex-cellent for alcoholics, but I worry at the way they may be used against other employees who are simply difficult." he He also mischeviously sug-

gests that, in some branches of help and this makes the cure much easier". Dr Sherman says.

This may help to explain the high "cure" rates claimed by most companies—which means that the employee carries on working and his job performages that the says and the performance of the says and the says are says and the says are says are says and the says are says

### Business Diary: 'Evening News' final • Ludwig's overtures?

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Tiny Rowland's relations with Daniel K. Ludwig, the world's richest man, are rapidly starting to resemble the bond between Bracken and

the collapse of the dvertising market is her reportusions. Ekely to become oper today from ironicist. Express Newstone Evening Standard absorbed Associated for Furning Vers. The difference could be that Rowland may eventually take over the mantle of his elder friend. Ludwig, whose elusivemes is well known, if not quite as extreme as that of the late Howard Hughes, was in London last week for lunch with the

absorbed Associated for lunch with the last week for lunch with the last week for lunch with the Lourho chief executive.

Rowland left for Africa a couple of days ago, but Paul Spicer, his spokesman on the Lourho hoard, said: "The two couple of the other activities and the last week for lunch with last week for lunch with the last week for lunch with the last we the Express group, had things are will be raich today's protimered from the timere is a sign the capital of how correction is beside.

Longno noura, said: The two are great friends and see each: other all the time, but Pm not prepared to talk about Mr Rowland's personal engagements.

Mr Ludwig certainly did not come to this office.

Uncalightening stuff, indeed,

could make a healthy profit.
Today the picture is very dif-ferent. Metro is out of business and Mis London has just been told by its owners, the Irish Independent Group of Tony:

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One of the few photographs of the clusive Daniel K. Ludwig, taken some years ago.

but there are reports that the pair have signed a \$10m deal for kaolin mining in Ludwig's Jari project in South America. Ludwig has been spending a

So it is with mixed pleasure that I have to report that the Evening News, in spite of its death sentence, has been maintaining commendably high stan-dards recently.

. Though no more than a handful of the staff have other jobs, the editorial floor has consistently met its deadlines and will continue to do so today through the champagne party which starts at 10 am until enother party to be thrown by editor Lou Kirby et a Fleet Street watering hale during the

large part of his fortune on converting a section of the Brazilian forest the size of Wales into a commercial timber proposition and there is specu-lation that he is looking for out-

state capital.

Last year Ludwig sold Rowland a half share in his Princess Properties hotel chain, which includes the Acapulco Princess, for £40m. Part of the settlement included the issue of five million Lourho shares over which Rowland still exercises voting control. Spicer commented: "We are

on record as wanting to exten our hotel chain. It is possible that may include Mr Ludwig. We are currently clearing a site for a \$100m extension too in Mexico with hotels and several condominums. If Mr Ludwig makes an investment it is a private matter."

Never let it be said that there is no place for romance in this cruel, cold world. Next week Britain's Hodder & Stoughton, publishers, will annouace an agreement with the American weeple kings Simon & Shuster for the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South African launch of what they describe as "a major new line in contemporary romanuc fiction?.

Nine titles under the Silbouette Romances imprint will appear during the first month and six each after at the

low price of 65p each, "Thereafter women the world over will be putting their feet up and revelling in the world of romance", says the press

The writer of this stuff obviously moves in different circles from yours truly.

Competition has come to a little visited area of British commerce. For the past two years a Wiltshire farmer called Bernard Theobald has enjoyed a complete monopoly of the English red wine market, since almost all the 200 or so English vineyards prefer to make their product from early ripening white grape varieties—the only sort that stand much chance of

coming to a sweet maturity in the fitful English sun. Now a rival to Theobald's Westbury wine has entered the ring. It is made by a Canadian chemist, Gordon Caldow, who has settled at Stert, near

The agency for his entire production was snapped up at the recent Bristol wine fair by an enthusiastic wine man called David Wolfe. "It is the first exclusive agency I have taken on ", he says, " but then the total production of red wine this year is only 10 cases "...

Wine writers are now eagerly speculating how long it might be before one of their number is commissioned to write a new guide—to the red wines of Willshire.

Before any of us are overwhelmed with gloom by vester-day's BL strike votes, I should point out that there is one consolation to be drawn from events from Longbridge.

Jack Adams, Derek Robinson's successor as chairman of the unofficial EL Cars combined shop stewards committee, has something which his predecessor never had—a sense of This was apparent when

the supposed benefits of the new BL bonus scheme at vesterday's Longbridge meeting, a scheme which offers substantial rewards, but only for levels of productivity which the BL workers believe impossible. The scheme's got potential there." Adams said, pointing to

Adams sarcastically referred to

a dirainutive Longbridge shop steward. "Dennis is only four foot two now but when he was horn he had the potential to be The elevation of television starting to encroach upon advertising compaigns. HMV are about to launch a promo-tion with the unlichy theme of "Mers Rock than Gibrahar, more Topes than Watergate,

More Reggee then Bosanquet

Indeed.

David Hewson

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Amsterdam, October 10th 1980 Nieuwe Zijds Voorburgwal 326-323.

### Underlying tone firm but only oils go ahead

The market was firm but and Shell spurted 12p to reach quiet yesterday with enough 476p. BP moved up a more demand to support prices and modest 6p, to 484p. Tricentrol demand to support prices and very little selling. There was very little selling. There was added 2p to 426p; Ultramar little reaction across the board rose 7p to 495p while Burmah to the Leyland workers' reject also managed a 7p gain at 208p. tion of their pay offer, although engineering stocks weakened engineering stocks weakened but took fright after news of a slightly in thin trading. But in 54m loan stock placing by the spite of the firm underlying tone, there was not enough business about to carry prices very far, and by lunchtime the market had settled into the dull pattern that characterized the day. The FT Index closed

down 0.4 at 492.8. A few special situations prorided more interest, but most of the price rises reflected the shortage of stock. Oils were strong again with crude prices on an upbill track.

Gilts, too, had a slack day, with longs opening 1 down on the previous night's close and drifting back and forth within g narrow range all day. They finally ended up ! off, with most of the falls coming after

In shorts, the Government broker supplied the new short tap, Treasury 3 per cent 1985, at £72!. Trade was featureless with the market moving within an eightle of a point and ending upplayed on the previous unchanged on the previous

Leading industrials echoed the subdued strength of the overall market, with small gains. ICI added 2p to 338p, as did Unilever to 458p and Courtaulds a: 66p—encouraged by a main-tained dividend at Coats Patons. Bowater bucked the trend by losing 6p to 178p. Dunlop was steady at 71p, as was Glaxo at 244p, but Fisons gained 4p to 210p. Beechams edged up 1p to

148p.

Oil shares went up on expectations of higher oil prices as the Gulf war shows no sign of abatjug. Lasmo rose 18p to 882p, while IC Gas gained 11p to 341p

little better, Banks opened a

Comfort Hotels may be raising cash for joint ventures soon-possibly through a placing of preference shares. The ordinary stood at 221p yesterday. The group was ready to take some Coral's Centre Hotels off bidder Grand Metropolitan-and may yet take one or two from Coral's new suitor, Bass. Mr Henry Edwards, Comfort's chairman, headed Centre when Coral snapped it up in 1977.

Midland and slid several pence. Barclays, Lloyds, and the Midland itself all lost 7p-to 476p, 348p and 353p respectively. National Westminster made a more sedate 5p descent to 423p.

Grindlays lost all the ground gained the day before, and re-

Bambers Stores (1) 13.8(11.1)
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Scott's Restaurant (1) 1.09(0.93)

Simpson (F) 22.3(22.04)

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Sales

turned to 160p, down 5p. Electricals featured activity in STC on news of a big under-sea cable contract. The shares

ran up 15p to 478p. Thorn-EMI benefited from the announce ment of a video disc venture with GE of America, rising 3p to 358p. GEC added 2p to 570p. Berec had a bad day following gloomy hints to analysts and lost 4p to 83p after wavering about earlier. But for the most part the sector was, firm, but unexciting Hoover "A" shares, awaiting figures next Wednesday, held steady at 134p. Companies reporting yester-

day showed little reaction. Hop-kinsons announced a loss, but hopes of a full-year profit kept the shares level at 56p. Coats Patons' maintained dividend helped its shares rise 11p to 561p in spite of the fall in profits. William Press initially moved up after the interim announcement, but ended un-changed at 29 p. But Bambers Stores' figures were well re-ceived, and the shares rose 1p

Latest results

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day—in spite of a denial from
Lourho of any bid plans.

The rest of the majors in the

Enthusiastic buying compled

has re-

sector saw little trade, though prices generally held firm. Amongst the smaller stores, takeover favourite Owen Owen added 7p to 123p. Profit-taking after recent

speculation knocked 5p off Polly Peck, but Wearwell edged up ip to 66p and Cornell Dresses gained 8p to 92p in continued speculation about Mr Asil Nadir's plans. Foods saw Associated Dairies losing 4p to 232p in continued reaction to the chairman's warning about profits at Wednesday's annual meeting. J. Sainsbury rain into profit-taking, and dropped 50 to

585p Properties spent a rather quiet session with prices generally marked lower in line with the rest of the market. Nevertheless, jobbers admitted no

19/12 —(2.0) 12/12 —(5.66) 5/1 —(4.5) 8/12 —(-) 31/12 —(4.0) 3.79(3.75

Elsewhere in the stores sector, House of Fraser continued to be active with a 4p gain to 142p, after touching 148p during the day—in spite of a denial from

with stock shortages has re sulted in a strong rally in shares of BICC this week. This comes after news of Plessey's recent big defence contract from which BICC should greatly benefit. However, jobbers are unlikely to ever, jouen relief when brokers, Fielding Newson Smith pub-lish a "buy" circular later The shares rose a fur-

In mining figancials, Consolidated, Gold Fields firmed 10p to 661p, but RTZ closed unhanged at 480p.

ther 2p to 178p yesterday.

Equity turnover on October 30 was £140.391m (19,204 barwas £140.391ar (19,204 bargains). Active stocks yestenday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP. Associated Dairies, Rank, Burmah, Lasmo, Premier, Shelli, Barclays, Bambers Stores, Besec, Consolidated Gold Rields, Courtlands, GUS, KCA Insernational and National KCA International and National

Traded Options: Total con tracts amounted to 1,170 in a quieter day. Interest flared up again in Longho, with buyers chasing the November 104s in hopes of a quick profit before the series expires. Consolidated Gold Fields January 650s and

700s were also busy.
Traditional options were fairly active thanks to the firm underlying rone in the equity market. There was only one market. There was only one put, in Tesco at 50, but calls were arranged in Town and City at 250, Charterball at 14p and in the volatile Double.

Weeks Associates, manufac-

turers of agricultural and rub-

ber products, has blemed the

20 per cent declina in sales

for its losses in the first six

months of the year.
The Hessle-based group Te-ported losses of £115,800 in the

six months to August compared with pre-tax profits of £29,600

### 600 Group makes Stormy meeting £2.5m agreed bid expected for Moran for Startrite

By Michael Clark Sir Jack Wellings' 600 Group

last night launched an agreed bid worth 52.58m for the Startrite Engineering, the machine tool group.

The terms were 72p cash for each ordinary Startrite shareand 405p tash for each 11 per cent cum pref share of £1. Shares of Startrite were suspended yesterday morning at 46p, pending an announcement,

ket suspected was prior to a bid. Indeed, the bid follows a year of, profit shortfalls and rationalization; which the group said was essential to maintain cash flow . 747 .5.

Earlier this month, the group reported pretax profits down by 37 per cent to £428,000 and cut the final dividend by 51 per cent to 1.95p gross.

A statement from the board of Startrice and its advisers, stockbrokers E. B. Savory Miln, said, the terms of the offer are-fair and reasonable and they strongly recommend sharestrongly recommunity holders to accept.

At the same time, the directors themselves and executors of the late Mr N. J. Vardigans—holding about 514 per cent of the ordinary shares and 8.7. per cent of the preference shares respectively, have given irrevocable undertakings to

Sales fall hits Weeks Associates

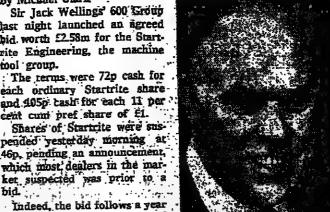
of £30,000 for start-up costs for the subsidiary, Honton Sings-

1145.900. An interim dividend

has been passed.
Mr. N. White, the finance

director, said yesterday that all the United Kingdom companies had been affected by the decline in demand despite the cost-cutting operations which had been made. After the first

were made of



Sir Jack Wellings, Gesteman of the 600 Group.

Shareholders accepting the offer will be entitled to receive for the year to June 30, of 2.28p gross. In the meantime, holders of the preference shares will be entitled to receive and retain their dividend for the half-year to December 31, 1989 Referring to the retrenchements promised by the group at the line of the full year figures. Mr William Bruce, chairman of Startific, stated that the the backs did not mean that the group was in difficulties.

However, it was said in City circles last night that the group's machine tool husiness would fit suitably into the 600 Group's machine tools division.

cent of sales which saw an in-

crease of 5 per cent in the period, resulting from a direct

affort to develop oversess

At Himtons, manufacturers of

ardes and bydraulic rams, the

lack of sales combined with

delays in production resulted in

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markets.

Fireworks are expected tod as shareholders of troubl Lloyd's of Lordon insuran Broker Christopher Mor. Group will be asked by the pr sent board to remove 1 founder Mr Christopher Mor: as a director. If he is not T moved the other four directo have said they will resign. The extraordinary gener-meeting at the Sayoy Hou today was convened after M. Moran refused to submit h resignation voluntarily, althoug the board suspended him a managing director in August.
At the last count the boar had received 3.4m proxy vote out of the 17.4m available About 24m support the board headed by Viscount Hall, and one million are against remot ing Mc Moran

Over 50 per cent of the Moran shares are held by number of Channel Islands companies. Around 36 per cent in the hands of Heather Invest ment in Guernsey and a further 20 per cent is held by variou: rusts in the same area. The London Trust investment group holds 6.9 per cent

The Moran board has reques ted Mr Moran's resignation because they say a situation could arise in which the group's business could be prejudiced from the action taken by the committee of Lloyd's in initial control of the committee of Lloyd's in initial control of the committee committee of Lloyd's in initiating certain disciplinary procedores under the Lloyd's Acts
and bytelews; and the criminal
charge made against the former
managing director.

Mr Moran is currently on bail
of 100,000 on charges of conspinacy to defraud members of
certain Lloyd's syndicates.

In a circular to shareholders
early this month, the board said
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early this month, the board said that it was convinced that it was convinced that it will be increasingly difficult for them to fulfil their obligations should Mr Moran remain publicly associated with it and that the group will suffer if such association continues. It added: We sympathise with Mr Moran's fear that his resignation could be unisinterpreted and we acknowledge that he is strenueusly denying all the allegations

In what was Mr. Moran's first efficial leber to searcholders last Friday, he said that he believes that "without my efforts the value of the company will greatly diminish". He said that a major part of the com-pany's profits have come from instruce broking which is necessarily a highly personal-lied business.

### Payout lifted as Armour climbs

Company
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Aberdeen Tst (F)
Armour Tst.(F)
Bambers Stores (I)

Armour Trust, the holding company with interests in confectionery and television rental, lifted pretax profits by 18 per cent to £440,000 in the year to April 30. Turnover increased by a tenth to £8.23m.

However the group warns that trading in the first half of the current year has been difficult, although it intends to consolidate the recovery of the

dividend is proposed to 0.18p

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Carter Penguin Group, had a record year. Armour explained that because the confectionery side is geared to the cheaper end of the market, it had been able to withstand the drop in Competitive pressures are now profitability,

expected to make much profit in the short term and rental growth will be harder to achieva

Scott's Restaurant (1) 1.05(0.93) 0.02(0.06) -(-) 2.9(2.9) 4.26(4.26)

S. Simpson (F) 22.3(22.04) 1.04(1.54) 10.01(11.27) 2.9(2.9) -(1.6)

Weeks Assoc (1) 6.1(5.8) 0.11;(0.029) 1.11;(0.28) -(0.7) -(1.5)

W. Brom Spring (1) 2.18(2.07) 0.22(0.27) 1.55(2.07) -(0.29)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. \*=Company estimate; †=For nine months; ‡=Loss.

now been settled. The costs of the settlement have been included in the results.

pared with E367,000 in 1978-79.

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West Bromwich Spring: Turnover for first half of 1980, £2.18m (£2.07m). Pretax profits, £220,000 (£275,000). No interim paymant (against 0.41p gross last year). Canadian & Foreign Injunctional Canadian & Foreign Investment Trust: Pretax profits for half-year to September 30, 1980, 2372,000 (£295,000). Interim payment raised from 2.5p to 2.78p gross.

Corning (subsidiary of Corning Glass Works, of the United States): Sales for 28 weeks to Iuce 15, £33,19m (£31.71m). Loss, before tax, £476,000 (against profit of £932,000 last time).

Municipal Properties: Gross income for first half of 1980, £137,000 (£121,000). Pretax profits, £149,000 (£108,000). Lumya (Ceylon) Tee and Rubber: Estates: Net revenue before max for nine months to September 30; 5124,000 (592,500). Interim pay-ment, gross, raised from 7.14p to 8.57p.

Strong & Pisher (Holdings) : In his annual report, the chairman, Mr Edward Davies, warns share-holders that the immediate future leather are reemerging and raw materials have risen from their lowest levels. "Whether these signs of a renewed confidence can

disposed of 10,000 shares on October 24.

AB Foods-CWS: Associated British Foods has completed the purchase from Co-operative Wholesale Society of its 49 per cent shareholding in Chancelot Mill of Leith. Shell Petroleum: Boards of Shell Petroleum and Irish Shell have agreed terms on which Shell have agreed terms on which Shell Petroleum will make an offer for the preference capital of Irish Shell, being 120,000 shares. Terms: £1.05 (Irish) in cash for each share. each share. Catalia: E. F. Robbins Ltd of New

caco snare.
Catalin: E. F. Robbins Ltd of New York have purchased further ordinary shares in Catalin, increasing its bolding to 128,000 shares (7.5 per cent).
Australian National Industries: Chairman, Mr E. A. O'Halloran, told the AGM: "1979-80 was another very successful year for ANI and we achieved our 13th consecutive year of profit growth. We have made our best start ever to any financial year in 1980-81 with all divisions contributing most satisfactorily to our total group performance. Both sales and profits for the three months to September, 1980 are 15 per cent abead of the corresponding period last year."
Philip Morris: Philip Morris Incorporated. of last year."
Philip Morris Incorporated's subsidiary, Philip Morris International NV, intends to issue in Switzerland 100m Swiss

francs 53 per cent bonds with a maturity of 10 years. This issue will be underwritten by a group of Swiss banks headed by the Swiss Bank Corporation, Credit Suisse and Union Bank of Switzerland. and Union Bank of Switzerland.

Heron bond: Heron International announce the issue of a 50m Switzerland.

Swiss franc international bond by its subsidiary. Heron International Finance B.V. the bond was issued at par, carries a coupon of six-and-three-quarters per cent and is redeemable in 1990 at the latest. The issue was substantially over-subscribed application has been made for the Ioan to be quoted on the stock Exchanges of Basle. Berne, Lausanne and Zurich. The bond is unconditionally guaranteed by Heron International and the proceeds will be used for expansion overseas in particular the United States.

Drayton Consolidated Trust: Pru-Drayton Consolidated Trust: Prudential Group have bought a further 150,000 ordinary shares and now hold 2.88m shares (9.19 per cent).

per cent).
Cotoroll: Reporting half-year results of Coloroll Ltd, the Nelson.
Lancashire, private company said to be the fastest-growing manufacturer of wallcoverings in Europe, Mr John Ashcroft, managing director, expresses confidence in the future. Coloroll's results for the first help of the current was those future. Coloroll's results for the first half of the current year show a turnover in excess of £10m (compared with £18m in the full 1979/80 year) and sales currently running 20 per cent above the figures for last year, despite adverse industry trading conditions in both the United Kingdom and export markers.

in both the United Kingdom and export markets.

Aberdeen Trust: Pretax revenue for year to September 30, 1980, 53.29m (£2,52m). Total gross dividend 8.149 (6.35p).

Sport's Restaurant: Turnover for first half of 1980, £1,69m (£31,000). Pretax profits, £29,000 (£655,600).

#### three mouths of the year, which were affected by the steel strike, changes in the besiness climate came in May. Since in the same period last year. Turnover rose slightly from 555,000 were non-recurring. The borrowings raised last vear of Ellow in medium and long term loans for the purchase of Rubber Alied Products had changed the group's liquidity position. 65.8m lest year to £6.1m. Trading profit of £207,200 then order books at all the subwas offset by increased interest charges of £323,000 against £162,800 in the period last year. charges of £322,000 against sidaries apart from Tong & £162,800 in the period last year. Sons, were down across the After an extraordinary charge board he said.

specializing in the production of wool and woollen garments in-tend to merge to form the lead-ing French group in the field

three holding companies of the Prouvost group which together alreedy own 44.6 per cent of La Lainlere's capital. These are

French woolleng firms to merge societe Auxiliane

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La Laimere for every share of the largessed of Salt per cent and 241 per shares of Salt per cent and 241 per shares of Salt and 45 for every eight commits scene world makes the creasing profit of Protrops SA, which controls Stock of La Laimere de shilling very difficult of Protrops of World trade in Roubeix and Protrops and British man wool and has units in South traded on the Pairs Stock Experting compared to the pew group created by the closed at a 1980 low of 3620 strengthens.

#### Glaxo warning as profits slip

Sir Austin Bide, chairman of phermaceuticals group Glazo, says in his annual report. The depressed and worseming creasing profit and profit-ability very difficult indeed for any British manufacturing and exporting company and

# How to avoid that Monday Morning Feeling!

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By Our Financial Staff

25 per cent increase in the

confectionery there are signs of an upturn in

rental of televisions, which has hit profits, Telesure is not

Telesure made a small loss. of the switch in from credit sales to

this year. However, Telesure has expanded its personal loan business to customers and expects more growth. Lirigation between Trust and the liquidator of Armour Rick (Northern) has

Net profits transferred to reserves totalled £393,000 com-

An International Group in many fields of textiles .-

Interim Announcement

Unaudited results for January/June 1980 and the comparative figures for 1979 are Jan./June Jan./June

Turpover	1980 £000s 345,512	1979 £000s 336,049	1979 £000s 683,649
Trading profit before charging depreciation Less: Depreciation	37,453 7,265	39,225 6,615	79,521 13,445
Trading Profit Interest and other charges	30,188 6,575	32,610 4,403	66,076 11,306.
Profits of associated companies	23,613 1,392 1,673	28,207 1,012 1,826	54,770 2,739 6,025
Profit before taxation	25,678 11,178	31,045 11,773	63,534 25,250
Investment grants	15,500 164	19,272 175	38,284 349
Profit after taxation Interest of minority shareholders	15,664 2,225	19,447 2,509	38,633 4,958
Profit before extraordinary items Extraordinary losses	13,439 1,085	16,938 663	33,675 1,971
Proference dividends	12,354 24	16,275 24	31,704 48
Profit carned for ordinary shareholders Ordinary dividends	12,330 3,874	16,251 4,164	31,656 11,358
Profit retained	8,456	12,037	20,298
Earnings per ordinary share of 25p	4.8p	6.1p	12.2p
U.S. Dollar rates of exchange used-Dollars per £	\$2.40	52.07	\$2.22

Sales at £346 million (1979, £336 million) were marginally higher than in the same period last year. World sales volume was virtually unchanged and price increases more than offset the adverse effect on sales value of the strengthening of Sterling compared with January/June, 1979.

Exchange movements reduced trading profits by £7.3 million, or 22%, but better trading results in North America and certain European countries, derived entirely from improved efficiency, confined the drop to £2.4 million, or 7%. Unfortunately the level of price increases mentioned above was insufficient to cover increased costs and trading margins fell to 8.7% (1979, 9.7%).

The increase of £2.2 million in the interest charge was due to higher interest rates and increased borrowings overseas. Owing to improved profits in high tax countries and a provision for clawback

of stock relief which may not be necessary, the rate of tax has risen from 38% to 42%. In consequence, profit earned for ordinary shareholders was £12.3 million (1979, £16.3 million), a reduction of 24%. Profit before taxation of £26.7 million reduces on an SSAP 16 basis to £10.7 million (1979, 531 million to £16.3 million).

Trading conditions, particularly in the United Kingdom, were difficult throughout the first half of the year and there is currently little sign of improvement. We are continuing our policy of rationalisation and disposal of surplus assets. Taken together with a more efficient use of working capital, it is expected that the net borrowing position at the year-end will be similar to that at December, 1979. It is anticipated that the year on year increase in interest charges will not be greater than the increase shown for the first six mouths. The movement of the Sterling exchange rate will however, be the main factor determining the results for the current year.

An unchanged interim dividend of 14n per share will be paid on 31st December.

An unchanged interim dividend of 1.4p per share will be paid on 31st December, 1930, to ordinary shareholders on the register on 14th November, 1980.







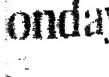












### Jardine Matheson move to deter possible bidder

In a defensive move designed to fend off a possible bid, Jardine Matheson the Hongkong trading giant has followed up its issue of 25m new shares to Hongkong Landwith a Joan stock conversion which will create another 24m shares.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Jardine said it is to convert all outstanding 71 per cent convertible subordinated unsecured loan stock 1990 into ordinary shares. Holders can

ordinary shares. Holders can alternatively opt to have the stock redeemed.

The conversion rate, adjusted for an earlier three-fortwenty scrip issue, is HK\$30.40 (2.46p) nominal of ordinary shares for every HK\$100 of loan stock giving an effective price of HK\$19.74 per share.

Jardine was free to take this step as long as the market price announcement of the conof its shares had remained 50
per cent above the subscription price for ten consecutive
days. This happened on Wednesday but the expected

announcement of the conversion was replaced by the
Land issue which raised
if KS760m. The total amount of
outstanding loan stock is
if KS470m.



Mr David Newbigging, chair-man of Jardine Matheson.

In addition to these moves, the terms of the RK\$1,000m rights issue announced last month are due to be announced in the middle of November. This will carry warrants con-

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in the middle of November. This will carry warrants convertible into equity.

But in spite of the 20 per ceut increase in equity announced over two days, and the rights issue, Jardine's shares have been showing remarkable strength. In Hongkong they rose HK\$2.25 to HK\$30.25, and they continued to rise in London to 256p yesterday.

All this activity is largely aimed at staving off a possible bid from Chinese interests, particularly Sir Y. K. Pao, the shipping magnate. The strength of the share price is put down to both support from friendly interests and buying by the Chinese.

Mr David Newbigging, chairman of Jardine, gave as one motive for the issue to Land the damping down of speculation in the shares based on a

### Bambers raises market share

By Margareta Pageno reporting a squeeze in consumer spending in recent weeks, Rambers Stores, the woman's clothes retailer and manufacturer, yesterday aunounced that it had captured a larger slice of

But the two per cent incresse in market share was accom-panied by a fall in trading proto £705,000 compared with £906,000 in the same period last year. Turnover increased by 23 per cent from £11.1m to £13.8m. An interim gross dividend is declared at 0.92p, an increase of 14.7 per cent, compared with to over 0.5p ar the halfway stage last keeping year. Including the sale of properties of £417,000, pretax profit opened

was f.l.1m compared with f1m Mr Louis Vernon, the managing director, said yesterday that with a general decline in high street trading of 15 to 20 per

street trading of 15 to 20 per cent, the group had returned "satisfactory growth".

Interest charges were up from £340,000 last year to £710,000 for the period. Borrowings remain at last year's level of £6m. The group feels satisfied with this but is making attempts to reduce the ratio between to reduce the ratio between borrowings and shareholders

Manufacturing, which remains an integral part of the clothing business, contributes 60 per cent to overall sales and helps in keeping prices down. In the last six months the group has opened 13 new branches

throughout the country, bring-ing up the total to 200 retailing outlets. However, a few "sur-plus" branches have been closed, Mr Vernon said. The text three months, which

include the Christmas season and January sales, are traditionally the group's most important selling time and it looks forward to increased sales. Indica tions are that the last two months of trading have shown improvement and the group is optimistic for the coming sea-

Last year, the group saw pre-tex profits rise 47 per cent to £4.07m, on turnover of £25.2m. After stripping out £715,000 from the sale of properties, the increase was 29 per cent. The share price dropped 1p to 56p.

country on a spot delivery basis. The exports to West

Germany also showed a sharp increase, 104.9 per cent to 32,049 units from 15,635 units.

Exports to Australia came to

27.834 units, up 13.7 per cent from 24,460 units. Those to other areas reached 400,449 units, up 51.3 per cent from 264,612 units the year before.

Meanwhile, the company said to had more an order from an order from a content of the company said.

it had won an order from Poland for 500 small cars for

shipment from next month. It declined to disclose price details. The order is in addition to 750 cars ordered by Poland

Standard Oil.

The hoard a stard Oil of California pro process split and the quarterly constant to \$1 a start.

The cash dividence

To effect the proposed spice split, Socal said, shareholdes will be asked to approve an

amendment to increase the num-ber of authorized common

shares from 250m to 500m.

If the amendment is agreed

upon, the split will be effective on February 6.

The cash dividend

on December 10.

last January.

### Toyota Motor Sales slips at interim

International

the domestic market alone totalled 770,462 units in the six months, down 7.9 per cent from 836,255 units the year earlier, exports increased 40.1 per cent to 916,499 units from

cent to 916,499 units from 653,942 units. Exports to the United States increased 21.3 per

sales firm for the Toyota Motor Group, has suffered a profit decline for the first time in three years, although sales were a half-year record, helped by active exports.

exchange losses Foreign exchange losses erising from the year's apprecia-tion and increased interest payment burdens trimmed the

After-tax profit was 17,300m yen (about £33m) for the first half ended September 30. Sales totalled 1,830 billion yen. The interion dividends was 5.50 yen per share, the same as last time.

Overall sales came to 1.6m exports to Iraq increased units, up 13.2 per cent. Sales in

### Loss forecast at KLM

KIM Royal Dutch Airlines . The board said that market expects a loss in the year ending Marth 31 in view of current particularly for passenger

prospects for the remaining two traffic.

The airline showed a net profit of 153m florins last year. In the first half, to September 30, of this fiscal year, its net profit declined to 79.4m florins (£17.8m) from 92.0m last cent from 65.8 per cent. As a result, the load factor declined to 62.4 per florins (£17.8m) from 92.0m last cent from 65.8 per cent. year, with higher second-quarter Passenger traffic on earnings net making up for the scheduled services rose one per first quarter's 12m loss.

### Progress at Cyanamid

KLM said that traffic in the

Cyanamid has reported an the third quarter, "all of which 11.1 per cent sales increase for performed better than expected third quarter of 1980 com-ted".

cal and consumer businesses in of the year.

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the third quarter of 1980 compared with a year ago. Net earning, rose 23 per cent, despite company was still feeling the unusual charges for plant shutdowns and consolidations.

Mr James G. Affleck, the chairman and chief executive, noted the achievements of the company was still feeling the company was s

#### Signal buys Ampex

The boards of Ampex Corpo and Signal have signed a formal definitive agreement previding for the acquisition of Ampex by Signal through an exchange of common stock.

The agreement calls for the echange of 0.85 of a Signal common share for each common share of Amper mon share of Ampex, The merger is subject to approval by the shareholders of

both companies.

#### **Business appointments**

### **Avon Rubber elects two** non-executive directors

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Mr John Pinckard and Mr Ian Weston Smith have become non-executive directors on the main board of Avoir Rubber Company. Mr B. H. Nathau and Mr K. J. McQueen have joined the board of General Mining Union Corporation (UK).

Mr Terry Butcher and Mr Jim French have become directors of Atcost Structures. Mr Mike Dubig has become a director of Atcost Projects and Mr George Maw has joined the board of Atcost Con-crete.

Mr Alexander T. Liu. vice-president, has been made director of administration at Bankers Trust International.

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Mr Gordon A. Rogers has been appointed by the London Electri-city Board as financial director in succession to Mr James Smith. Mr B. Smallman has become a director of Courtanids Knitwear.
Mr A. J. Taylor, previously deputy president of the Process Plant Association, has been elected president in succession to Mr Roger Kingdom who has resigned. Mr Paul Cockerham has been appointed managing director at Alpha MicroSystems UK. Mr I. P.

Appa Anicrosystems UK. Mr I. P. Evans is now sales director.

Mr Philip Carter, managing director of the Littlewoods Organization, has been elected charman of the Man-Made Fibre Production Sector Working Party of the National Economic Development Council

Mr Gerald H. Cookson has been appointed a regional director of the northern regional board of Lloyds Bank.

Mr David Fookes, has been made a director of Grundfos Pumps. Mr Alan Bradley, has become produc-tion director of the company's British manufacturing subsidiary Mr R. E. J. Clark, managing director of Maxview Aerials, has been made chairman of the British Aerial Standards Council.

Mr William O. Ling, has joined the board of directors of Derby-shire Building Society. Mr Michel Knibbeler has been made a director of Charterhouse

Mr Barrie Carter has become managing director of Metal and Pipeline Endorance.

Mr Stefan Olszowski bas become an on-executive director of Codies
Brothers & Company but not a
director of Thomson Travel as
reported in some editions vesterday. Mr Nigel Harrison has been
appointed financial director of
Thomson Travel Thomson Travel.

### Hopkinsons pushed into loss

by strike By Our Financial Staff

A damaging: 15-week strike has plunged Hopkinson Holdings, the boiler mounting and valve group, into the red at the half-way stage.

Interim figures for the six mounting to the six mounts to the six mounts to the six mounts. Interim figures for the six months to August 1, show pretax profits plunging from 
£789,000 into a Joss of £94,000 
on turnover : reduced from 
£21.1m to £18.9m.

A spokesman for the group 
said the strike had cost in excess of £1m with only one third 
of the usual working period 
used up.

Nevertheless, the board has declared an interim dividend of 2.14p gross which is unchanged over the corresponding period.

Looking to the second half. the group points to a satisfac-tory order book and expects to return to the black for the year as a whole. A profit of over film has not been discounted. The overall trading position remains fairly stable, although the fall in sales results from increased destocking by most of

the group's customers.
On top of this the 15-week strike has meant increased borrowings which now amount to over £5m.

### Workforce reduced as Twinlock loss rises

Additionally, Twinlock took action to lower costs and the number of people employed was cut by 10 per cent in the half-year. These actions enabled it to absorb much of the fall in trading profit arising from the downum in sales. downrurn in sales

This group makes productas for recording, storing, retriev-ing and displaying business in-

#### First-half jump

at Jackson Group More than doubled half-time figures are reported by the Jackson Group, the East Anglian construction and industrial ser-

The pretax loss of Twinlock time. No tax charge is expected for the second-half does not interest. Banco Bamerindus do widened from £241,000 to for the current year. Turnover look very promising, the direction of Brazil's largest private banks with over 650 August 29.

Mr J. H. Murray, the chair-said that the full-year's results 1.71p to 1.85p gross. man, explains that the company were expected "to prove satis-experienced difficult conditions factory". Pretax profits reached in the United Kingdom and the 5574,000 in 1979.

in the United Kingdom and the half years sales, though 4.8 per cent ahead at £14.96m, were below earlier expectations.

Interest charges grew from £716,000 to 757,000. The slackness in demand posed further problems for the group's factories and short-time working cominued in most locations.

Additionally, Twinlock took Scandinavian mergers Touche Ross International announces a merger in Den-mark between its member firm, DFR and the old-established Schoebel & Marholt practice. The combined firm is now one of the two largest accounting practices in Denmark. The two firms have a total of 400 people including 48 partners operating

Also announced by Touche Ross International is a merger in Sweden between its member firm, Stockholms Revisionsbyra AB and Elinder & Nystrom.

construction and industrial services concern, the shares of which are traded on the overthe-counter market made by M.

I. H. Nightingale.

In the first half of this year, pretax profits climbed to £365,000, against £173,000 last

nas not escaped the recession. It estimates that in the half-year to August 31, pretax profits fell to £474,000, compared with £558,000 in the similar period last year. Border's board explains that sales of all products, including draught beers, are down in volume. The future

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from 10 offices in eight cities. Total fees in the current year are in excess of £5.3m.

#### Interim results down at Border Breweries

Border Breweries (Wrexham) has not escaped the recession. It estimates that in the half-year to August 31, pretax pro-fits fell to £474,000, compared

#### New Zealand gold venture by MIM

New Zealand could become self-sufficient in gold for in-dustrial and related purposes if MIM Holdings, the Australian mining company, is suc-cessful in exploiting an alluvial gold deposit in the Mikonui River valley on the South Island.

MIM has commissioned Alluvial Dredges, a Scottish company, to prepare a design for a bucket dredge. The design should be ready by next spring. If the project proceeds, the contract for the dredge and associated equipment could be worth A\$25m (£12.5m). Another Australian company, Endeavour Resources, is to spend AS17.5m (£8.75m) on acquiring Rhondda Colliery in

#### GM—Midland Bank link in Brazil

interest. Banco Bamerindus do Brasil. one of Brazil's largest private banks with over 650 branches across the country, holds the remaining 51 per cent. The participation of General Motors extends the opportunities for developing leasing in the expanding transport field. With its special Chevrolese programme. General Motors will be promoting vehicle-leasing through its 350-dealer network, thus bringing the number of outlets for the Bamerindus Midland operation to more than

1.000. 1,000.

Leasing is rapidly growing in importance in Brazil as an additional means of finance for the country's substantial internal investment programme.

Midland operation to more than

#### Interim slump at Boosey & Hawkes

Following the almost balved profits of 1979. Boosey and Hawkes saw its pretax profits slump from £391,000 to just £60,000 in the first six months of 1980. Turnover rose from £8.05m to £9.15m. The board reports that difficult trading — especially in musical instru-ments — and costs incurred in upgrading manufacturing operations (as well as terminating others) contributed to the re-

sult.

But trading profit is improving in the second half and the interim payment is being held



# Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company, Limited

Extracts from the Chairman's Review by Sir Albert Robinson.

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in Johannesburg on 10 November 1980 at 12 noon.

 ${f T}_{115}^{ints}$  is my last Chairman's review of your Company's affairs as I shall be succeeded on 1 January 1981 by the present Deputy Chairman, Mr G H Waddell. I have gladly accepted an invitation from my colleagues on the Board to continue serving as a Director.

I first became associated with Johnnies in 1965, when I was appointed an Alternate Director, in 1971 I become Chairman. For the past fifteen years, therefore, I have been involved in the affairs of the Group. During this time we have expanded our activities in platinum, gold, nickel, antimony and coal mining, and also in the industrial field. All of these areas of our business are contributing to the Group's present strength and prosperity and I am satisfied that they have the potential to do so in the future. Furthermore, I believe that under Mr Waddell's energetic leadership we can look forward to the development of new business as well as to the further expansion of our existing enterprises. But Johnnies' potential, and indeed the country's vast conomic potential, will not be realised unless South Africa enjoys political, social and industrial stability. It is on this need for stability

that I wish to comment. The Prime Minister has unleashed the forces of change in South Africa after some thirty years of the restrictive policies of his predecessors. Over these years municious devices were employed to entrench apartheid or, as it later came to be known, separate development. Coloured and black representation in the South African Parliament was removed. Separate coloured and Indian councils were created. The Group Areas Act was introduced to divide the peoples of South Africa by forcing them to live in separate ethnic communities. Black homelands were established in the hope that they would arrest and ultimately reverse the influx of blacks to the metropolitan areas. This plethors of divisive legislation incritably necessituted the enactment of increasingly elaborate and powerful laws for the control of dissent. However necessary those laws may be for the protection of the legitimate security interests of the State, it cannot be denied that they have encroached

extensively on the freedoms that are fundamental to any democratic society. Mr Botha assumed office at a time when the failure of the orthodox doctrine of separate development was becoming increasingly crident. Distrustful of the direction in which traditional policies were leading the country, the Prime Minister lost little time in setting a new and more hopeful course. Last year he amounted a programme of reform directed towards the establishment of a constellation of states which he claims will be founded upon racial consisty and economic growth. To this end he has initiated a process of consultation with black leaders and with representatives of the business community. He has abandoned the Westminster system of parliamentary government by abolishing the Senate and he has also abolished the Coloured Persons Representative Council. In their

place he has amounced plans for a new constitutional and political dispensation. As one who attended the now famous conference between business leaders and the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues last November, I feel free to comment on the trend of events since that meeting. There are those who suggest that reactionary elements in the Government will frustrate the Prime Minister's efforts to create a generally acceptable basis for a new South African society. Others however, hope and believe that, despite its slow progress to date, his policy reflects a new spirit, namely one that recognises and accepts that a negotiated sharing of power among the races is the only alternative to violent inter-racial conflict in South Africa.

It is difficult to assess the present balance of power between the reactionaries and the reformists. I am, however, certain of one thing: that Mr Botha's policies have unleashed forces of change and nothing can now preserve the old order or prevent the ultimate emergence of a new, non-racial South Africa. The Government's further plans are awaited with the keenest interest by moderates of all races within the Republic and by the major Western powers, whose trade and investments are essential to the country's wellbeing.
Their carnest hope is that Mr Botha will be able to steer a course away from conflict and towards an accommodation of the reasonable aspirations of all the peoples of South

I turn now to the question of industrial relations. In this sphere the Botha Government has advanced the process of change by the appointment of various commissions to investigate and report on industrial relations and the relevant labour laws in South Africa. investigate and report on industrial relations and the relevant labour laws in South Africa. For many years a number of leading white trade unions have dominated the industrial scene whereas blacks, by and large, have had their terms of employment decided by employers with the Government holding a watching brief. Today the majority of Government-approved and registered unions are non-white or racially mixed, which is an interesting and satisfactory development. Obviously industrial peace should be the prime objective of employers, the Government and employees. That goal will not be achieved if employers resort to lockouts, instant dismissals and requests for police action as a response to workers who seek to negotiate legitimate changes in their conditions of employment. Such measures can only lead to civil disorder or industrial action and consumer resistance. I believe that certain steps should be taken to resolve this complex problem, namely how to achieve a responsible trade union movement which is fully recognised and whose members do not feel impelled to resort to unlawful action to obtain recress of whose members do not feel impelled to resort to unlawful action to obtain redress of whose meaners do not reer imperiou to resort in unawhat action to obtain retires to grievances. Firstly, all unions should aim at being democratically representative of all employees. Secondly, the number of unions competing with each other should be limited. This is essential if only to svoid demaccation disputes. Unions should be encouraged to amalgumate in the different economic disciplines, or at least to bargain together with management as is already the case in the steel and engineering industry. Thirdly, it must be accepted that workers of all races have industrial rights, just as employers have industrial rights. One segment of the industrial community should not impose its will upon the other Management and the unions must negotiate under the umbrella of benevoleut industrial legislation to further their mutual interests. These suggestions amount to the practice of industrial democracy, a principle which should be accepted in South Africa if strife and disorder in the work-place are to be avoided. After all, employees and employees should have a common interest, which is to further their own prosperity and thereby promote the prosperity of the nation.

I have commented on some of the major political and industrial problems that confront the country. I am one of those who believe that to achieve stability in South Africa there should be one nation, however diverse its many parts. If this belief can win sufficient support — and I think it can — then we may hope for a constitution that meets the reasonable aspirations of the various communities. This achievement would provide the framework for a peaceful and prosperous future and would win for South Africa considerable support and goodwill in the international community.

Results for the Year The Johnnies Group made substantial progress during the past financial year and profits

Group profits before the deduction of tax, preference dividends and minority interests were R96.7m, compared with R70.9m for the previous year. Profits on the realisation of investments less provisions against possible future losses on investments amounted to RO.8m. After the deduction of tex, preference dividends, minority interests and the net surplus on realisation of investments, which is customarily regarded as non-distributable, the net profits available for distribution to ordinary shareholders for the 1980 financial year were R72.3m (1016 cents per share), an increase of 67% over the comparable figure of R43.3m (609 cents per share) for the previous year. These results are mainly a reflection of a 48% increase in Group investment income from R38.1m to R56.4m.

The consolidated income statement does not give a complete picture of the Group's

earnings as it necessarily excludes the Group's share of the retained profits of non-subsidiary companies in which a substantial interest is held. When these underlying

earnings are taken into account, the equity carnings of the Johnnies Group increase to R129.8m (1820 cents per share), compared with R86.8m (1214 cents per share) for the Cash inflow for the year totalled R156.4m. Loan repayments absorbed R61.2m:
R89.6m was distributed to preference and ordinary shareholders; investments accounted

for R12.8m; expenditure on exploration and research was R3.6m; and R5.5m was spenon fixed assets. The net result of the aforegoing was an increase in cash resources of R35.7m to R56.5m. The Group's net current assets improved from a deficit of R31.5m to a surplus of R75.2m. Thus, the financial strength of the Group has been improved to a significant extent

thing the past year. A strong cash flow and substantial gearing potential place it in an excellent position to take full advantage of new opportunities as and when these arise. During the year coded 80 June 1980 dividend income from our diamond investments increased by 19% to R16.8m, or 21.6% of consolidated normal income. These investments, which amount to 11.3% of total Group investments, consist of holdings in certain unlisted

The gold price continued to fluctuate widely during the year under review but maintained the strong upward trend that started in 1977. The average price received by the South d mining industry was R12,530 per kilogram, an increase of 95% on the

diamond trading companies and in De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited.

Limited announced plans for the sinking of the Cooke No 3 shaft to exploit the southern portion of its lease area. Full-scale production at the rate of 150,000 tons milled per month is expected to be achieved in 1986. Good progress has been made in overcoming production difficulties at the Cooke plant. As a result of higher gold prices, Western Areas Gold Mining Company Limited greatly

increased its after-tax profits during the period under review. In Junuary 1980 a long-term contract for the supply of uranium was negotiated through the agency of Nuclear Fuels Corporation of South Africa (Pty) Limited, Deliveries in terms of this contract will begin in The uranium market, in contrast to the gold market, has deteriorated appreciably during the past year. With one or two notable exceptions atomic power programmes are t a standstill, partly as a result of public controversy concerning the alleged hazards of nuclear reactors and the disposal of waste material. The market may be expected to recover in due time, however, as the demand for energy increases and as the

leading industrial nations move to reduce their reliance on Middle East oil. Rustenburg Flatimum Holdings Limited carned pre-tax profits of R239.9m in its financial year ended 31 August 1980, an increase of 85% on the comparable figure for the previous year. This record level of profits was due partly to increased sales volumes but mainly to substantially higher prices for platinum and palladium. During the past two years Rustenburg has greatly strengthened its financial position. All herrowings have been repaid and cash resources at 31 August 1980 amounted to R42. 1m. These cash resources will enable the company to exercise greater flexibility in its response to any adverse

Prospecting of the Merensky Platree f in the Potgietersrus district is for advanced but the necessary metallurgical and feasibility studies will not be completed for some time. Preliminary indications are that this area has the potential for supporting a major new platinum/nickel/copper mine. However, a close assessment of the future world-rice demand for platinum and Rustenburg's overall production capabilities will have to be made before a decision can be reached on whether to develop a new mine. On 28 August 1980 Rustenburg raised its published price for platinum from \$\frac{4}{2}\$C to \$\frac{2}{2}\$ per ounce. The company has enjoyed favourable trading conditions thus far in its

developments that may occur in the platinum market.

As reported in the Directors' review, Johnnies' investment in managed coal producers now consists of a controlling interest in Taylstock Collieries Limited, the investment in Tag Natal Cambrian Collieries Limited having been sold during the year. In addition the company has valuable coal rights in the Middelburg, Excepten and Peardekop areas of the Eastern Transvaal and options over coal-bearing areas in Notal and KwaZulu. Other areas

In my opinion, the Government's policy on coal exports is in urgent need of review. South African reserves of coal are estimated to be 60 to 65 thousand million tons, so without inc least detriment to internal requirements they could easily support a level of exports very much higher than the officially imposed maximum of \$4 million tons per annum for thirty

current financial year.

Consolidated Murchison Limited, the western world's largest producer of antimony concentrates, carned after-tax profits of R7.5m in its financial year ended 31 December 1979, compared with a less of RO.5m in the preceding year. Market conditions continued to be favourable during the first half of the current financial year but since then have deteriorated significantly as a result of a marked decline in demand from the principal consumers of antimony products. On 6 October 1980 the company amounced that, as sales were expected to remain at a low level next year, it had been decided to reduce the milling rate from 45,000 to 30,000 tons per month and, furnishmore, that no final

dividend would be declared in respect of the current financial year.

Shangani Mining Corporation Limited, in Zimbabwe, made a net profit of Z80.8m, after full provision for interest charges, during its financial year to 30 June 1980, compared with a loss of 282.3m for the previous year. These results, which were better then the breakeven position forecast in my previous review, were due mainly to unexpectedly good nickel prices and to a large increase in revenue from cobalt sales. Prospects for the current year are less favourable, however, and the indications are that operating profits may not cover

interest charges. We have confidence in the future of Shangani, which is the justification for our perseverance in funding our share of its financial requirements.

The future of Othnuse Mining Company Limited has been the subject of a great deal of attention since my previous review. Your Board has decided that Johanles itself should not re-open the mine but instead should seek a suitable partner to do so. Discussions to this and see being held with interested angular and if there discussions should be the suitable partner. end are being held with interested parties and, if these discussions should be succession Orithase could be re-opened on a satisfactory and riable basis.

Our interests in the industrial field include Consolidated Metallurgical Industries Ligated (CMI) and Leaning Holdings Limited, which are managed by Johnnies, and substantia portfolio investments in The South African Breweries Limited, Argus Printing are Publishing Company Limited and Toyota South Africa Limited. Income from industria investments, including the interest of Johnnies and its whelly-owned financia subsidiaries in the retained carnings of non-subsidiary companies in which substantia

investments are held, amounted to R29.4m, an increase of \$9% on last year's figure. CMI enjoyed favourable market conditions during the year and its financial result.

although adversely affected by the appreciation of the rand against the US dollar, were it accordance with expectations. At the end of June, however, the company's rate of production was cut by 15% in response to a decrease in ferro-chrome demand caused by sharp decline in US steel production.

SABreweries, which made a major contribution to the improvement in Johnnies' incom for the year, increased its carnings and dividends by 80.7% and 57.5% respectively and it particularly well placed to benefit from the upsurge in consumer spending that is not

There is good reason to expect that in the current financial year our industriinvestments will again improve upon an already substantial commission to c consolidated income.

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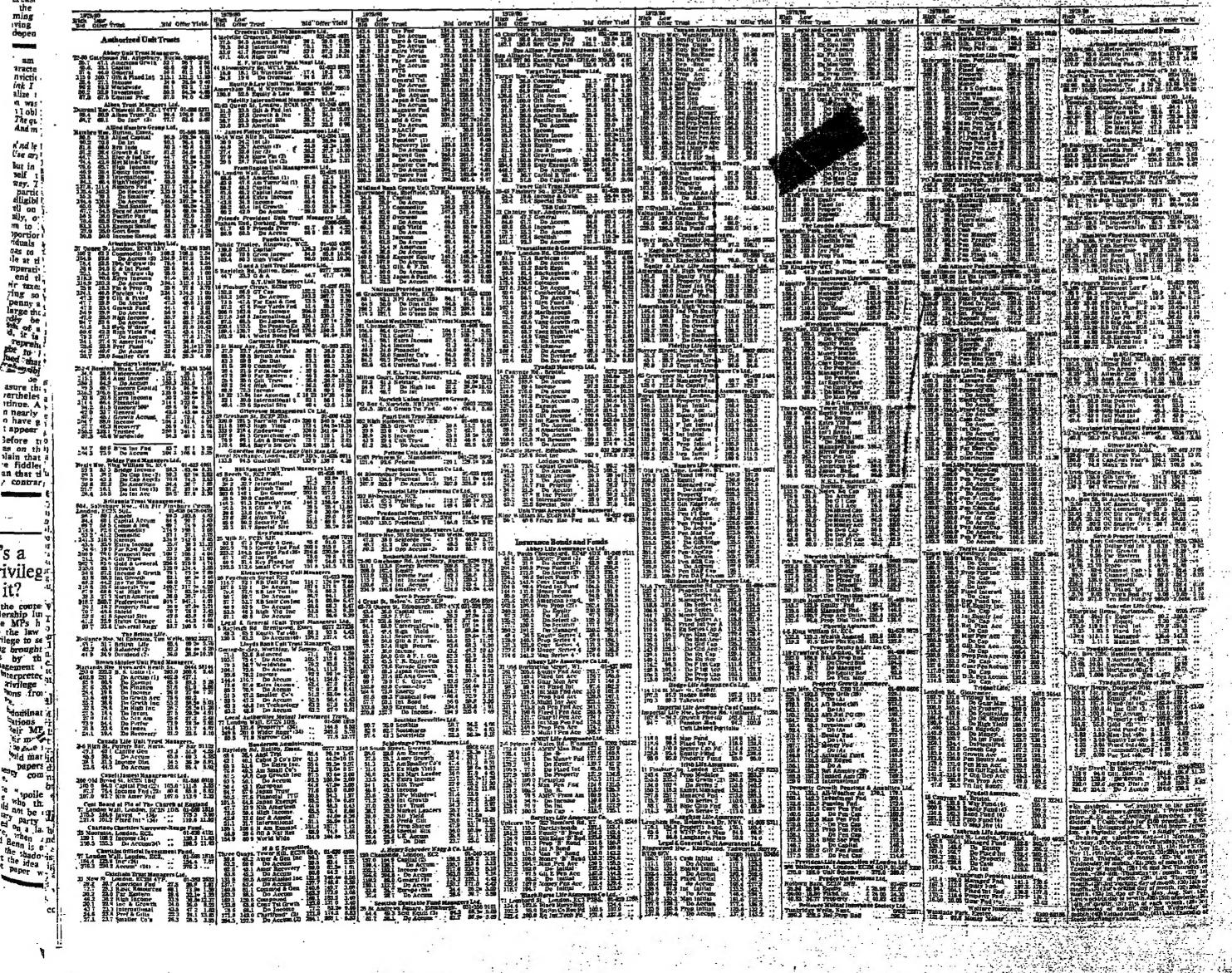
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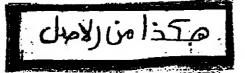
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### A car likely to become a trend-setter

A few years ago, VW-Audi, the group we must now learn to call by its new name, VAG, was faced with a difficulty, the solution of which may have caused a few headaches in the short term but would appear to have left the organization that much more able to tackle the much larger difficulties facing the industry this year.

The task confronting management was the need to separate the Volkswagen and Audi marque identities more clearly; there was too much overlap for the long-term health of the two ranges in an increasingly competitive environment.

Already a certain amount of progress had been made in that direction, notably with the Audi 100. When the original design had run its course its replace-ment was a significantly more impressive executive package, clearly intended to take the Audi name farther up-market.

. It was the unfinished part of the business that required so much careful thought, what to do with the Audi 80, a car of neat appearance but which had much in common with the VW Passat, a feature with obvious benefits in terms of manufacturing economy but one which was inhibiting the establishment of the car's separate identity.

In a bold move it was decided to move the Audi 80 an even larger step up the ladder than that already taken by the 100 series, in other words, to bring the 80 and 100 closer together and away from VW territory. To underline the intention the replacement 80, which was first seen in 1978, was given a substantially larger body than its predecessor, with a style clearly identifiable with that of the 100 saloon.

The new cars were also some 15 per cent more expensive than the models they replaced. Superficially they appeared to be overpriced relative to the other contenders in the 1.6-litre, fourdoor saloon market.

However, closer inspection disclosed another ingredient, which suggested that it was wrong to relate the Audi 80 to rivals on a basis of engine displacement alone.

While the new cars (available in LS, GLS and GLE versions) could be termed up-market 1.6litre models, they were, perhaps, more accurately described as cars that came close to matching the Audi 100's standards of refinement, equipment and performance, that fell not too far short of it in terms of passenger and luggage space despite being about a foot shorter and 31 inches narrower, and that matches its quality of finish.

Whether by design or accident, in creating the Audi 80 the manufacturers had brought traditional 2-litre-plus standards of performance, refinement and equipment into a smaller and more economical package, thereby giving customers the oppor-



The GLS-intermediate model in the three-car Audi 80 range of 1.6 litre saloons

radio.

engine-size terms, without sacrificing quality in other areas (just as the 2.2-litre 100s are aimed at buyers who traditionally have. It is a concept tailor made for the current environment.

Of the three versions of the Audi 80, the LS has a 75-bhp, single-overhead-camshaft, fourcylinder engine, the GLS an 85bhp version of the same engine with a higher level of trim and equipment, and the GLE a 110bup, fuel injected derivative of the same 1,588 cc engine, the same level of trim as the GLS, and additional equipment including a manual sliding roof, alloy wheels and rear head restraint. Unlike the LS and GLS, which

are also obtainable with threespeed automatic transmission, the fuel-injected GLE is only available with a four-speed manual gearbox. Prices range from £5,388 for the LS to £5,887 for the GLS or £6,240 with automatic transmission, and £7,095 for the GLE, an example of

tunity to "trade down" in which was the subject of one of my recent road tests.

Apart from tinted and heatinsulated glass (the extra £189 includes a laminated screen), the been in the 23 to 3-litre market). only non-standard item on this very well equipped car was the

> In addition to the above items the standard specification of the GLE (and GLS) includes crushed velour upholstery, soft pile carpeting, partly upholstered door trim, several storage compart ments, twin exterior mirrors, headlamp washers, revolution counter, economy gauge, quartz clock, integral front and rear fog lamps and a lockable fuel cap.

What is equally pleasing, great-care has been taken of both the colour-matching or blending and the fit of various items of mim. and equipment, and the test car, in a light green metallic exterior finish with appropriate use of soft green shades inside pre-sented a most appealing aura of quality, happy blend of bright ness with dignity which is not always easy to achieve.

misleading for on the move the 80 GLE has a." big car" feel in terms of noise suppression and the smoothness of engine and gransmission. For a relatively highly tuned four cylinder, the engine has remarkably good low speed torque (even though the peak figure is not registered until 5,000 rom), and even in top gear it will pull steadily from as low as 1,500 rpm, provided the accelerator is not depressed too

An encouragement not to do so is constantly there through the "econometer". That is a vacuum gauge, sensitive to throttle opening the needle of which swings vigorously between the two ends of the dial to indicate the relative rate of fuel usage; it is surprising how often the right foot can be eased just a fraction, without materially altering the cars progress, to achieve a marked reduction in instantaneous fuel consumption.

#### Feeling of great power

The overall level of mechanical smoothness suggests that more than four cylinders are under the bonnet, and the abundant torque makes one wonder whether the car could use a slightly higher top gear as a further aid to economy.

The best consumption I:

achieved, over 250 mainly motorway miles, was just under 28 mpg, yet even in heavy London traffic over a two-day period I was able to achieve more than-24 mpg.

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to lock Thoughtfully, a damper has been included in the rack and pinion system. The brakes have a relatively soft pedal, but proved to be entirely adequate through our the test period.

Given the need, first gear is good for about 28 mph, second for 50 and third for 75 mph, and on speed-unrestricted German autobahnen the Audi 80 will reach between 110 and 115 mph. More important for us, of course, is the car's ability to reach 60 mph from rest in just over 10 seconds, a good yardstick for any family saloon.

I found the driving position

to be excellent and the sear to give sufficient lateral and lumbar support, and the cushioning was sufficiently yielding for long-journey comfort. Both handling and ride comfort earned high marks, the most significant features being good distribudistability, a well restrained level of understeer and excellent bump absorption over anything thorn of badly potholed urban roads.

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A 15-gallon fuel tank gives the car an excellent cruising range (1) gallons is left when the needle enters the "red" sector). and with the tank ahead of the rear axle and the spare wheel to one side a surprisingly deep luggage comparment has been provided, albeit with a high loading sill and relatively small opening.

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### way to Brighton

The former world change racing driver Phil Hill, will the first of 320 drivers to flagged away from Hyde Park 8 am on Sunday at the star for veteran cars. He will driving an 1893 Benz, the ok entry and one of six cars com from Germany this year out 50 strong overseas conting. The United States has the larg entry, of 20 cars, and or countries represented will Australia, Belgium, Canada Irish Republic, France, Mexi the Netherlands, Sweden s Switzerland.

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